

OVERVIEW

Happy Mother's Day! In this passage, Paul defends the resurrection of the dead by emphasizing that the resurrection of Jesus is central to the Christian faith—without it, faith would be futile, and believers would still be in their sins. The resurrection of Christ guarantees the future resurrection of believers, offering hope beyond death and a promise of eternal life.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: What's a favorite memory of your mom or a mother figure? **Or** If you could take your mom anywhere for a day, where would you go?"

Activity: Learn about your missionary's country (culture, language, etc.)

PRAYER

Pray: "Lord, thank you for the victory of Jesus' resurrection, which gives us hope, assurance, and the promise of eternal life, and help us live in light of this powerful truth."

BIBLE: READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-22

1. Paul argues that if Christ has not been raised, then the Christian faith is _____. Why is the resurrection of Jesus Christ central to the Christian faith?
2. What would be the consequences for Christians if Christ had not been resurrected?
3. Paul speaks about those who have died in Christ being "lost" if there is no resurrection. How does the resurrection of the dead give hope to believers now and for those who have passed away?
4. Paul refers to Jesus as the "firstfruits" of those who have fallen asleep. What does this metaphor mean, and why is it important?
5. How does Jesus' resurrection guarantee the future resurrection of believers? How does this truth impact how we live as Christians?
6. How does Paul describe Jesus in relation to Adam? What is the contrast between Adam and Jesus in this verses 21-22?
7. How does the resurrection provide a deeper hope for us beyond this earthly life?

APPLICATION

1. How does the resurrection of Jesus impact your daily life and your perspective on suffering, death, and hope? When facing suffering, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, how does the resurrection of Jesus encourage you to persevere with faith, knowing that there is future glory awaiting us?
2. May is Missions Month! Follow the prayer prompts on page 2 (pray for missions, the church, and the nations). As an Ohana Group, learn about your adopted missionary and pray for them.



PRAY FOR MISSIONS

1. Pray for a Heart for the Lost

Ask God to give you a deep burden for the lost and a passion to share the gospel with those who have not yet heard.

2. Pray for a Missionary Vision

Ask God to inspire you to adopt a global perspective, to pray for and support missionaries, and to see yourself as part of the Great Commission.

3. Pray for the spread of the gospel to unreached people groups

Ask God to open doors in areas where the gospel has not yet been preached and to raise up workers to reach these groups.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS (LISTED COUNTRIES/AREAS ARE REPRESENTED BY OUR MISSIONARIES)

1. Philippines

- Pray for the spread of the gospel in remote and rural areas of the Philippines.
- Pray for the development of strong church leadership in both urban and rural areas.
- Pray for continued efforts to provide for the poor and marginalized in the Philippines.

2. Middle East

- Pray for open doors for the gospel to be shared despite challenges and restrictions.
- Pray for believers in the Middle East to grow in faith and discipleship despite harsh environments.
- Pray for God's peace and healing for regions torn apart by conflict and war.

3. Nepal

- Pray for the continued growth of the Christian church in Nepal, especially in rural areas.
- Pray for boldness and protection for believers who face opposition or persecution for their faith.
- Pray for the spread of the gospel among the unreached people groups in Nepal.

4. Southeast Asia and Oceania

- Pray for the spread of the gospel in predominantly non-Christian or Muslim regions.
- Pray for the protection and boldness of Christians in areas where they face discrimination or persecution.
- Pray for the development of strong local church leadership and discipleship programs.

5. Japan

- Pray for openness to the gospel in a predominantly non-Christian culture.
- Pray for wisdom and strength for missionaries in Japan to navigate cultural challenges.
- Pray for the youth in Japan to encounter the love of Christ and for vibrant youth ministries.

