

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further

International Bible Lessons

1 Corinthians 15:1-11, 20-22

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. Describe two reasons that Paul gives for believing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1. Christ was raised according to the Scriptures (as foretold by the prophets in the Old Testament).
2. Christ was seen by many eyewitnesses at different times after He rose from the dead. Some of the 500 who saw Him at one time were still alive, and they could talk about seeing Christ raised from the dead.

2. What does Christ's death mean and mean to you?

"Of first importance...Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3). God will forgive the sins of those who believe in Christ, and I believe in Christ in accordance with the Scriptures.

3. What does Christ's resurrection mean and mean to you?

Christ "was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:4). "The resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being, for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:21-22). Believers will see Christ risen from the dead and live with Christ forever, and that includes me as a believer in Christ.

4. After the good news is proclaimed, what does a true believer do? What is the result?

They receive the good news about Christ's death and resurrection and what it means. They stand on the good news (the good news becomes the foundation of how they live from that day forward). They hold firmly to the good news: no one can argue them out of

believing the facts of Christ death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

The result is they are being saved. See 1 Corinthians 15:1-2.

5. Besides himself, who does Paul list by name of those who saw the risen Lord? Why do you think he names them by name?

Paul named Cephas (Peter) and James (the brother of Jesus) specifically. He probably named these two because they were the two most important leaders in the church at that time and people could ask them to tell about their experiences meeting the risen Lord.

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