



**Growth Group Discussion Questions for 1 Cor. 15:1-19**  
**Week of April 21-24, 2019**

1. Scripture memory: Review, meditate on, and be ready to recite 1 Pet 1:3-7.
2. Carefully read 1 Cor. 15:1-19.
3. The apostle Paul taught that the events of the gospel were not random, but they were “in accordance with the Scriptures” (v. 3,4. See Psalm 22, Isaiah 53, Luke 24:25-27). Why is this so significant and important?
4. The apostle Paul was writing to the church at Corinth. Why do you think Paul felt it was necessary to remind the church of the gospel (v. 1)? (Keep the whole context in mind – vv. 1-19)
5. How can someone “believe in vain” (v. 2) – what is non-saving “faith” and why is it so dangerous? (Rom. 9:30-32, James 2:19, 1 John 2:18-19)
6. All doctrines taught in the Bible are important. Some are especially important. But Paul says the gospel is “of first importance” (v. 3). Why do you think he would he say that?
7. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is vitally important to our salvation. Many have tried brush off the resurrection, but what important proof does Paul provide in verses 3-9 for believing that Jesus really rose from the dead? Why is this (or should this be) so convincing? What other evidences are there for believing in Jesus’ resurrection? (John 20:1-10, Matt. 28:1-15)
8. The essence of Christianity rises or falls on whether the resurrection is true or not. What arguments does Paul make for the importance of Jesus’ resurrection in vv. 12-19? Summarize his main points.

9. If you are a genuine, born-again believer in Christ, what is now true of you? How does this encourage you?

A. John 5:24

B. Rom. 3:24

C. Rom. 5:10

D. Rom. 8:1

E. Rom. 8:15-17

F. Rom. 6:6, 14

G. 2 Cor. 5:17

H. Eph. 1:16-20

I. 1 Pet. 1:4-5

10. You may have heard Christians talk about the importance of “preaching the gospel to yourself.” What do you think that means and why is it important? How would it be a benefit and encouragement to you? (Keep in mind the verses in question 9 above and our text for today)

11. What principles or thoughts had the most impact on you from the message on Sunday, April 14th? How were you specifically challenged? What points of application did you take away from the message?

**PRAY IN THE GROUP:** Pray for any non-Christians who came to our Good Friday and Easter services that the gospel seeds that were planted would result in saving faith and a fruitful life of discipleship in Christ. Pray for those who will be baptized on April 28<sup>th</sup>, that God would give them encouragement and peace and that God would use their gospel testimonies to impact the hearts of those who attend.