

Final Thoughts

1 Corinthians 15:35-55

Week of January 21, 2024

BELONG

Ask this Ice Breaker Question: If you could design your own perfect body, what would it be capable of? How would it look and feel? Share your wildest or most practical imaginations!

BELIEVE

Have someone in your group read aloud: 1 Corinthians 15:35-55

Ask these questions to prompt group discussion:

- 1. Paul discussed the idea that all things that are resurrected must first die. Have there been any life experiences where things die before they are reborn?**

Leader Context:

- *Some relationships have to end before new ones can start. This is especially true in romantic relationships.*
- *This is also true in interpersonal relationships. Parents must concede that their children have grown up. They must begin to relate to their grown adult kids as peers before the relationship can thrive.*
- *This is also true in business relationships. Former staff members become your boss. This takes some adjusting.*

- 2. Paul discusses our natural bodies and our spiritual bodies. Do you tend to primarily think about yourself as a body or, as CS Lewis was fond of saying, "a soul wrapped in a body?"**

Leader Context:

- *Answers may vary.*
- *Those who see themselves primarily as physical beings will likely admit that it becomes difficult to think about unseen spiritual realities.*

- *Those who see themselves as souls wrapped in bodies will likely have more awareness of unseen spiritual forces at work.*

3. Verses 54-55 are like a Pop-Punk anthem, declaring victory over death and sin. In what ways does this passage challenge your perspective on death and your hope for the future?

Leader Context:

- *Answers may vary.*
- *Some may see death as a bad thing and live in fear as a result.*
- *Others may see death as a natural thing with no moral value.*
- *Still, others may see death as a natural thing and the debt that all men pay.*
- *The important thing is not death, but resurrection and eternal life.*

BECOME:

4. Considering Paul's idea that things must be planted and die before they can be resurrected... how will you live differently today? What needs to die and be resurrected in your life? Your relationships? Your backstory? Your expectations?