

**Women's Bible Study**  
**Study Questions for April 19, 2017**  
**Unity in Resurrection ~ Gretchen Steer**  
**1 Corinthians 15**

**Key verse: "When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'" (1 Cor. 15:54)**

1. Write two sentences that sum up the message of this chapter. Share them with your group.
  
2. 1 Cor. 15:1-11 gives several proofs of Jesus' resurrection. List them here. Which to you is most convincing? Can you find any mention of the event described in verse 6 in the gospels or Acts?
  
3. Look at 1 Cor. 15:12-33. From the passage, write down at least 3 consequences of not believing in Jesus' resurrection.
  
4. Look up Exodus 23:19a and read your study Bible footnote for that verse. What are first fruits? Why could Jesus be described as "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep"? (1 Cor. 15:20).
  
5. In 1 Cor. 15:35-49, Paul gives several examples from nature of how God takes the basic building blocks of matter and organizes them into different forms. What analogies from nature does Paul give for the resurrection of the body after death?
  
6. We all bear Adam's sin nature as a result of the fall of mankind in Genesis 3. What are the consequences of that sin nature in our bodies? As Christians we now bear the image of the resurrected Christ. What are the consequences of that new nature?
  
7. Look at 1 Cor. 15:58. What practical outcome does Christ's resurrection have in our lives right here and now?

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1. For many of us death is the worst thing we can think of, either our own or that of someone we love. Why is death so frightening? Should it be so for Christians?
  
2. People sometimes say "Jesus was a good man and I try to follow his teachings," but don't believe in his resurrection or that he was the Son of God. What are the consequences of only believing part of the gospel? Specifically, why does it matter to our faith that Christ was raised from the dead?
  
3. Death is scary and sad. What does 1 Cor. 15 tell us about what happens to believers after death? Does it make a difference to our resurrection body whether our human body is cremated, buried, drowned or blown to bits? Why?
  
4. Why can't our physical bodies as they are right now experience heaven or eternal life? What needs to happen first?
  
5. How does the teaching about the resurrection of the body make a difference in the way we live now as Christians?
  
6. All of us will eventually lose someone we love to death. What biblical comfort do we have? What can we say to someone who is grieving?