

## Sunday Assembly Reflection

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**REFLECTION:** On Sunday, Dennis Coleman taught on the apostle Paul's discourse in I Corinthians 15 about the resurrection of the dead. The church at Corinth needed to be reminded of the reality of the resurrection because of some false teaching that was persuading people that Jesus didn't really rise from the dead. So, Paul not only refuted that lie, but also drove home the point that without the resurrection, the entire message of Jesus is useless. It is not some minor point of debate. Without the resurrection, our faith is futile and we should be pitied. But the fact that Christ died, was buried, and rose again from the dead is the foundation of our faith and hope because our resurrection is tied to Jesus' resurrection. Just as in Adam we all died, so much more through Jesus' resurrection will we all be given new life.

But, as Dennis said, it is just weird to think about resurrection. We really have to use our imaginations because there's no way we can know what that will look like, or be like. I admit I do not think about, let alone talk much about the resurrection because of that very reason. But, if we do believe in the resurrection, how does it impact our attitude toward death? Dennis said we do not need to deny death, but we need to get honest about it and know that death is NOT the final word. We may bring our perishable, dishonored, weak bodies into death, but God raises us to be imperishable, with honor and power. That is so hard to comprehend, but we need to be reminded of that reality just like the Corinthians.

**REFLECTION QUESTIONS:** *Please pick one of the questions below to answer in your small groups; more if you have time. Be sure to pray for each other at the end.*

- Why is the resurrection a love story between you and God? How could that change how you see death?
- If our motto is not "eat, drink, for tomorrow you die," what words would you use to encourage others about the reality of the resurrection?
- Dennis asked us to consider that if we are not pitiful, are we powerful? How would you rate your life on the pitiful to powerful scale? Explain why.

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