

Discussion Questions – Week 3: Authority Over Our Future (1 Corinthians 15:20–28)

1. When you imagine the future, what emotions rise first—hope, fear, uncertainty, confidence?

How does Paul’s vision of Christ’s resurrection and kingship speak to those emotions?

2. Which part of Paul’s argument in 1 Corinthians 15 challenges you the most—Christ as firstfruits, His present reign, the defeat of the enemy, or God becoming all in all?

Why that part?

3. What does it mean personally for you that Jesus is the “firstfruits” of the resurrection?

How does this change the way you think about your own future?

4. Where in your life do you feel the tension of the “already/not yet”—where Christ is reigning, but the victory is not yet fully visible?

What might it look like to trust Him in that tension?

5. Paul calls death “the last enemy.”

How does naming death as an enemy—but a defeated one—shape the way you process grief, loss, or fear of mortality?

6. In what ways does the hope of resurrection change how you live now?

Consider areas like holiness, perseverance, relationships, or priorities.

7. Paul ends the chapter by saying that because of the resurrection, “your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

Where do you need this reminder?

What good work are you tempted to quit, slow down in, or doubt matters?

8. Revelation 21 pictures a world where God “makes all things new.”

Which part of that future hope is most meaningful to you today?
What part of you longs most for God to “be all in all”?

9. Think of someone you know who is grieving, struggling, or discouraged.

How might the truth of Christ’s reign and resurrection equip you to offer comfort, presence, or encouragement?

10. If you were to write a short “resurrection promise” on a card for this week, what verse or phrase would you choose—and why?

Where will you place it so that it strengthens your hope?