

DQs for “Bad Idea #5: Resurrection Is Optional”

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Opening Reflection

1. What part of this message stood out to you most, or lingered with you after hearing it?
2. Before this message, how would you have explained the importance of the resurrection in your own words?

Understanding the Text

3. Why do you think some believers in Corinth were uncomfortable with the idea of bodily resurrection?
4. Paul says that without the resurrection, faith becomes “empty” and “futile.” What do you think he means by that?
5. In verse 17, Paul says that without the resurrection, we are “still in our sins.” Why do you think the resurrection matters for forgiveness, not just the cross?

Connecting Belief and Life

6. Billy suggested that we sometimes believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus but live as if faith is mostly spiritual or internal. Where do you see that tension today?
7. How does believing in a future bodily resurrection change the way we should think about our bodies, work, and daily lives right now?
8. What does “embodied discipleship” look like in practical, everyday terms?

Hope and Suffering

9. Paul says that without the resurrection, Christians are “most to be pitied.” Why do you think hope beyond this life matters so much when facing suffering or loss?
10. How does the resurrection shape the way we grieve or walk through hardship differently from those who have no hope?

Application

11. For the church: What would it look like for a church community to live more fully as a resurrection-shaped people?
12. For you personally: Where do you need to let resurrection hope reshape your perspective on fear, discouragement, obedience, or faithfulness?
13. Billy said, “Easter changes Mondays.” What might that mean for how you live this coming week?