

# MESSAGE GUIDE

## REBOOT: The Event All Christianity

### Rests Upon

1 Corinthians 15



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### CONNECT

Sometimes in life we get let down. In some cases, it's a person who fails to come through for us. Other times, it's bad timing or our own lofty expectations. Share a time when you had high hopes, only to have them dashed.

### STUDY

1 Corinthians 15 talks about the backbone of the Christian faith: the resurrection. Everything about our faith hinges on whether or not Jesus rose from the grave. It seems apparent that Paul felt the need to remind the Corinthians about the importance of this pivotal piece of the story of Christianity. And it never hurts *us* to review the resurrection, either. With that in mind, spend a little time seeking answers to the following questions:

- According to verse 1, what does Paul want to remind them about? How do verses 3-8 describe the basic components of the gospel message?
- Look at verses 13-19. What does Paul have to say about the status of professing believers if the resurrection never happened?
- How does Paul respond to the proposition about the resurrection never happening in verses 20-22? And how does he describe how future events play out in verses 23-28?

- How does Paul speak about how the resurrection will have impact upon the transformation of our physical bodies in verses 35-49?
- Look at Paul's final word on the subject in verses 54-58. Does what he writes sound like the words of someone who is dejected and without hope, or a man filled with hope and confidence? Explain your response.

### APPLY

- What did Jesus' resurrection accomplish for us? (see: Rom. 5:10; 6:1-14; 8:11; 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 15:12-22; Eph. 1:18-21; Phil. 3:10-11). What difference does Jesus' resurrection make to your life and the way you respond to your circumstances? How does He affect your day-to-day life?
- Read Heb. 2:14-15. Though death is the most certain thing in life, why do you think people avoid talking about it? How have you seen the fear of death enslave people? Have you ever felt enslaved by the fear of death? How can meditations on the resurrection help people who fear death?