

New Life

I Corinthians 15:3-20

Because Jesus was raised from the dead,

we can _____

1. A _____ life _____

2. _____ life _____

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: What is a skill you would like to acquire? Why?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read (or have a couple people read) I Corinthians 15:3-20. What is Paul's theme in these verses?

What did Paul receive and deliver "as of first importance"? Why do you think this was the top priority?

Why does it matter that Jesus died and rose again "according to the Scriptures" (vv. 3-4)?

Why is there such an emphasis on listing these witnesses to the resurrected Jesus?

From what you may know about Paul's story, what kind of change happened in his life as a result of his encounter with the resurrected Jesus?

What changes happened in your life after you believed in Jesus?

Look at v. 19. Why do you think Paul says this? What does he mean?

Read vv. 51-52. What difference does knowing this is going to happen *someday* make for us *today*?

Think about people you know who haven't yet believed in Jesus. Do you think the prospect of a changed life now or eternal life forever would be a bigger draw for them putting their trust in Jesus? Or neither? Or something else?

How can we pray for one another?