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**COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Community Group Guide – Jan 31/Feb 1, 2026**

## GATHER

**Deeply rooted by sharing life seeking the presence of God.**

This community based context can to heighten your awareness of God's presence in your time together, and give one another space to talk about what's really going on in life.

- **Pray.** Acknowledge God's presence + ask for his help to hear what he's saying through the text.
- **Share a takeaway from the Jan 31/Feb 1 sermon.** "Is there something the Holy Spirit highlighted for you?"

## GROW

**Deeply rooted by being formed through the word of God.**

This biblically based content overlaps with the current weekend teaching at your Northview campus and positions you, as a group, to be shaped by studying Scripture.

- **Facilitate a brief study of 1 Cor 15:35-49**

**Start the conversation with an 'Icebreaker.'**

What would be the most exciting part about receiving a resurrected body like Jesus'?

**Study Step 1: Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-49**

Familiarize yourself with this section of verses. (Note characters, commands, key/repeated words!)

**Study Step 2: Understand Their Story – (With answer key + leaders notes)**

Ask *observation questions* to understand what the author is communicating to the original audience.

- **Take a look at 1 Cor 15:35-41**
  - What metaphor does Paul use to describe the reality of the resurrection bodies?
  - To what degree do the heavenly bodies differ from one another in 40-41?
  
- **Take a look at 1 Cor 15:42-44**
  - Emphasizing the difference in glory from the current body to the resurrected body, list the amazing distinctions Paul gives in 15:42-44 *'what is sown'* vs *'what is raised'*.
  - In 44b, what is Paul's ending point in this extended sowing metaphor?
  
- **Take a look at 1 Cor 15:45-49.** Paul's leading metaphors bring him to his theological point about the radical nature of Jesus' resurrection for all believers.
  - List the contrasts you find between the first and second Adam (e.g. which one is sown and perishable, which one is raised and imperishable?)
  - What sources/locations identify the nature of these two Adams?
  - Paul's metaphor is used to express a sobering reality to his readers. If one is from the man of dust, what outcome is there for you? If one is of the man of heaven, what outcome is there for you?
  
- *Reflection question: The great hope for those who have borne the sinful image of Adam, is that 'we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven' if we believe upon His resurrection and its implication (last week). Take time reflecting on God's grace towards us who were born of dust in Adam.*
- Take these observations into the next step below.

### **Study Step 3: Connect To God's Story**

Ask questions to understand how this text fits in the larger gospel story.

**We've selected a few connections that are here to a) expand on the content of the passage and/or b) clarify the content of the passage.**

- 1 Cor 15:45-49 notes we have all been born from Adam, yet, we don't have to stay this way. **Read Gen 3:19b, 22-24** and **Rom 6:23** What is the ultimate curse of being borne in Adam's sinful nature (Gen 3:19)? What is there to gain for those who repent and believe in Christ based on Rom 6:23?
- Resurrection bodies are a part of the resurrection life. Take some time reading a few of the verses below, highlighting what we gain in Christ by faith. Share what most edified you.
  - 1 John 5:11-13
  - Romans 6:23
  - Titus 3:4-7
  - 1 Peter 2:24
  - Rom 5:8-9
  - John 3:16-18
- 1 Cor 15:35-44 speaks about the resurrected bodies God gives to believers. Last week we noted from Dan 12 and John 5 that some are resurrected to everlasting death, and others everlasting life. **Read Luke 24:28-43 (cf John 20:19-29) and Phil 3:17-21.**
  - Describe the type of body Jesus has post-resurrection in Luke 24:28-43.
  - In Phil 3:17-21 Paul encourages us that our heavenly bodies will be like Christ's. Like the dust from which they came, they are set on earthly things. Describe the desires and end of setting oneself on earthly things?
- *Reflection: With the reality of the resurrection bodies in mind, we don't have to live for this life, since we (in Christ) will have even more opportunities to enjoy the physical world in the next. Where might this reality affect what you live for now? (An example might be shifting our mindset on 'having' to attend every sports game, 'having' to collect all the toys we want, or travel as often. Instead, we can set our eyes, time, and resources, on the Kingdom of God here and now so that others may join us in the renewed Earth afterwards.)*

#### **Step 4: Apply To Our Story**

Ask questions to discern what God is telling us to do with the help of the Holy Spirit.

- The resurrection bodies will come, yet the resurrection life—eternal life in Christ—starts now. How can we care for our bodies now, in accordance with resurrection life values?
- Put another way, where do you tend to overindulge in things of this world instead of living out the resurrection life? (Examples often include spending too much money and time on ourselves: consuming too much entertainment, living out retirement years for our pleasure instead of for the Lord and serving others.) Where could you implement change this month (start small)?

- After reading the verses listed in Step 3 about all that we gain in Christ, spend time going around the circle giving thanks to God. How might these truths affect how you live differently today?
- In the GO section below, take time to pray for those who are dead dust in Adam. There is no hope for them outside of being made new in Christ. Make a plan to keep one another accountable to pray for the lost before you leave tonight.

## GO

### **Deeply rooted by participating in the mission of God.**

**These culturally relevant applications are meant, with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, to prompt actions that bring the life of God's kingdom into us and out to others.**

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- Pray for those far from God that you personally know, by name.
- Is there something that seems especially relevant for us to do personally based on our discussion?
- Is there something we as a group should plan to do together based on our discussion?
- Is there something we as a group should plan to do to spend time with someone who doesn't yet follow Jesus? Or to make/strengthen connections with our neighbours?