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**Community Group Leaders' Guide – Feb 7/8 2026**

## GATHER + 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.

- **Pray.** Acknowledge God's presence + ask for his help to hear what he's saying through the text.  
**Idea: ask another person to do this. A sample prayer: "Father, thank you for this time we have. We acknowledge that you are here with us and we ask for your help to hear what you're saying through your word by your Spirit. We commit our time to you for your glory and our good. Amen."**
- **Share a takeaway from the Feb 7/8 sermon.** "Is there something the Holy Spirit highlighted for you?"  
**For each person to share an insight they got or an action step they are taking from the sermon could use up your time. This might be a good use of your time, but if you want to go further into the study of the text below, indicate this upfront.**
- **Facilitate a brief study of 1 Cor 15:50-58**  
**Start the conversation with an 'Icebreaker.'**  
**Have you ever been bitten or stung by something that hurt for a long time? What happened?**

### **Study Step 1: Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58**

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 15:50-53**
  - In speaking about the resurrected state, Paul emphasizes something will happen to believers. What happens? What reasons does he give?

- **'We shall all be changed' (51b)**
      - **'Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God' (50a)**
      - **'No does the perishable inherit the imperishable' (50b)**
      - **'This perishable body must put on the imperishable' (53a)**
      - **'This mortal body must put on immortality' (53b)**
- **Take a look at 1 Cor 15:54-58**
  - Once this change occurs, what does Paul claim will be accomplished/come to pass?
    - **The victory over death (54-55)**
  - Where does the sting of death come from? What is the power of sin that brings death?
    - **Sin (56a)**
    - **The Law (56b)**
  - Through Christ's victory over death, we live with confidence and courage. What is redeemed for the Christian in verse 58?
    - **Our labours, in Christ, are not in vain (58)**
    - **Implied is that outside of Christ, one's labours are vain. All will turn to death and emptiness outside of Christ**
- *Reflection question: Do you feel victorious in Christ over the sting of death? That is, are you afraid of dying? Discuss this and how Christ's victory can bring comfort.*
- Take these observations into the next step below.

### **Study Step 3: Connect To God's Story – (With answer key + leaders notes)**

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.**

- **Read 1 Thess 4:13-18 and Matt 24:29-31**, where the trumpet ( 1 Cor 15:52) is also mentioned. Whose return are the trumpets related to? Who is there at the gathering?
  - **Jesus and other believers! Being with Christ and being together as the family of God is central to the image.**
  - **There are no clear answers when Christ's return will occur. Here is an article on the topic of the parousia to get you thinking about the importance of terms and how much weight we give them.**
    - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/themelios/article/the-parousia-getting-our-terms-right/>
- Paul shows that the sting, or pain of death, is done away with in Christ in 1 Cor 15:56-57. Jesus emphasizes how one escapes perishing—the sting of death (1 Cor 15:56)—in the book of John. **Read John 10:27-30.**
  - Though the sheep hears his voice, for the sheep to never perish, what needs to occur?
    - **For Jesus to give them eternal life (Jn 10:28)**
  - Along with Jesus' giving (of eternal life), how are the sheep connected to Jesus?
    - **The Father gives them to Jesus**
  - Why can the sheep be assured of this eternal life?
    - **no one can snatch them out of Jesus' hand (28), nor the Father's hand (29)**
- **For further study on your own:**
  - **Isaiah 25:6-9 and Hosea 13:12-14** to pinpoint the quotations Paul uses in 1 Cor 15:54-55. This metaphorical language—the phrases were written about people that would not be literally saved from death. Paul sees this fulfilled in Christ, where the freedom from death noted will be experienced by those who believe.
  - **Rev 21:1-8.** In 1 Cor 15 we see freedom from death and the kingdom of God inherited by believers in Christ. John speaks of this future reality in visions in Revelation.

*Reflection: What imagery has been most helpful to elicit the hope of the resurrection state for you?*

## Step 4: Apply To Our Story

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

- As noted last week, though the resurrection bodies will come, the resurrection life—eternal life in Christ—starts now. How can you live out the resurrection life of Christ this week?
- If the sting of death is gone, Christians do not have to fear death. Many Christians face death fearlessly by the Spirit's indwelling power and presence. Is there someone who is close to death that you could visit this month? If you are a believer, how might you encourage them? If a non-believer, how could you share the hope of the resurrection with them?
- Where could you be emboldened in your walk for God this month? (There are no wrong answers. For one it may be to not worry about finding a new job, or money to retire. For another it might be confidence that God is for us regardless of what the opinion of an extended family member, or co-worker, is about us.)
- Who do you know that needs victory over sin, and the sting of eternal death? How might you winsomely tell them about the hope of Christ? If they are not already on one, put them on your 5x5x5 card. Spend time in the GO section praying for them

# 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.  
**Leaders note: This is something that we're putting deliberately at the top here. Every time. ("5x5x5 cards" are available at each campus on the weekend, and our "Loving The Lost" group prayer guide is attached to our weekly group leader email.)**
  - Is there something that seems especially relevant for us to do personally based on our discussion?  
**Leaders note: This is something that may overlap with the "Apply To Our Story" step in the "GROW" section above, but here it is meant to help narrow down a specific thing that people actually plan to commit to doing.**
  - Is there something we as a group should plan to do together based on our discussion?  
**Leaders note: Depending on the applications you've discussed in the "GROW" section, there could be opportunities to serve others as a group. Or, perhaps to gather for worship, prayer, and/or equipping together.**
  - 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?