

# Scripture this week:

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

## Hold Fast

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Paul wants to make it unmistakably clear that **holding fast** to Jesus is the most important thing in life.

**Why is it essential to know we are holding fast to Jesus?**

**What does it mean to hold fast to Jesus?**

**Why should we believe this?**

**What does holding fast to Jesus bring?**

## Notes:

## ***Life Group Discussion Questions***

Based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

### **Reading the Text:**

1. Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-2, what seems to be Paul's purpose in reminding the Corinthians about the basics of the gospel he preached to them?
2. What about the first 14 chapters of 1 Corinthians would lead us to believe that some of the Corinthians need a reminder about the basics, and are in danger of '*believing in vain*'?
3. What are the facts about the gospel that Paul recounts for them in vv. 3-8?
4. Why does Paul choose to refer to himself and the effects of the gospel in his life?

### **Knowing the Full Picture:**

5. Read Acts 9:1-22 to hear Luke tell of Paul's conversion story, and also read Paul's account of the process of ongoing spiritual life in Philippians 2:12-13. According to these texts, who is responsible for our ongoing life of faith?

### **Living It Out:**

6. What does it do for your faith to be reminded of the historical facts of the gospel?
7. What does it do for your faith to hear that God is working in the personal lives of people around you (as when Paul describes the effect of God's grace in his life)? Is it a different effect than hearing the facts of the gospel, or the same effect? Explain.
8. How do we encourage each other that we are not '*believing in vain*', and that the gospel is having an impact on our lives?