

Scripture this week:

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."
⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Unfading Victory

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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- 1. We look forward to Jesus' total and everlasting victory**
- 2. We grieve that it will not be a victory for all**
- 3. We cling to Jesus**
- 4. We love people unceasingly, unwaveringly, and confidently**

Notes:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Reading the Text:

1. As Paul continues this section on the believer's resurrection, what new information does he introduce in v. 51? What is the mystery to which he refers?
2. How would you describe the great victory that is happening in vv. 52 - 55?
3. In v. 56, what does Paul mean when he writes "*the sting of death*" is sin? How is God's law "*the power of sin*?"
4. How does God give victory through Jesus as it relates to the law, sin and death?

Knowing the Full Picture:

5. Read Romans 8:18-25. As Paul writes to the Romans about the redemption of our bodies, what are the spiritual and emotional results he hopes will come as we grab hold of this truth?

Living It Out:

6. What has been one of your greatest victories - in sports, in academics, in relationships, in life...? What did that feel like?
7. How does the victory Paul is talking about at the end of chapter 15 compare with/contrast with the victories we've experienced in our lives?
8. What does it look like to live in the hope of this victory? What does it feel like?
9. How do we encourage each other, remind each other, and point each other toward this victory?