



Introduction

? Describe a time when you were disappointed in the results of a self-improvement effort. How did that influence the next time someone offered you a similar opportunity?

? If you could change anything about your life with (or understanding of) God, what would it be? Who have you shared that with so they can join you in praying to that end?

1. Image Overhaul (1 Corinthians 15:44b-49)

? What differences would you highlight about being in “the image of the man of dust” versus the “image of the man of heaven”?

? Application: How have you experienced the reality of living in the image of Adam, the man of dust? If you are a Christian, how have you experienced living in the image of the man of heaven? If you are not a Christian, how might God be calling you to respond today?

2. Eternally Changed! (1 Corinthians 15:50-57)

? How does Paul’s teaching of the insufficiency of the human body for the glories of heaven contrast with the earthly views of the human body in our culture? Provide some examples.

 Application: What impact does it have on you to read of Paul speaking so concretely of the return of Christ? What images does it bring to your mind?

3. The Future's Impact on the Present (1 Corinthians 15:58)

 What are some reasons that the same resilience and fortitude Paul referred to are needed by Christians today? What methods for refusing to be moved have you found most beneficial?

 Application: When you think of doing all things for the glory of Christ, what sort of activities immediately jump to mind? What would you say is the best way to determine if you are doing something at a level that glorifies Christ?

Conclusion

 Why is it important to foundationally believe that Jesus is the only one who can restore creation from the destruction of sin? What other ways might the world suggest as viable options? What results have you noticed coming about from those options?

 How would you describe your current state of transformation? What is God challenging you with as a next step of following Him in faithfulness? Are you in a season of growth, or do you feel like you are in a desert season right now?

 What impact does studying the resurrection have on your desire to share that with others? Who do you know who desperately needs the hope of a guaranteed transformation of such a heavenly magnitude?

Daily Readings

- Monday - 1 Corinthians 15:47-58
- Tuesday - 1 Peter 1:3-5
- Wednesday - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14
- Thursday - Hebrews 6:17-20
- Friday - Romans 6:5
- Saturday - John 11:25-26