

Students Sermon Guide - October 18, 2020

1 Corinthians 15 | Unique Eternity | Ross Lester

Reflect (Before the Sermon)

What are you most looking forward to next week? Next year? Five years from now? Why are you excited about those things?

Read (Before the Sermon)

In the passage below **UNDERLINE** any mentions of “die”, “died”, “dead”, “death”, or “asleep”. **CIRCLE** any mentions of “raise”, “raised”, “appeared”, “alive”, or “resurrection”

[1 Corinthians 15:1-6, 12-22, 58] - **1** Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, **2** and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. **3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, **4** that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, **5** and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. **6** Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? **13** But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. **14** And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. **15** We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. **16** For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. **17** And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. **18** Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. **19** If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. **20** But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. **21** For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. **22** For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

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.

Fill in the Blanks (During the Sermon)

- At the center of Christian belief is the belief in bodily _____ from the dead
- Just as Jesus died and then was _____ to new eternal life, we too will be _____ to new eternal life with him
- Life is soberingly _____, and life is eternally _____
 - We have an elevated view of human _____ and _____
 - We have a sober minded but not _____ view of death
 - We embrace the _____ that comes from viewing this life as _____
 - We have urgency and patience in the fight against _____
 - We can faithfully _____ the worst
 - We can faithfully _____ the best

Did you miss some blanks or need some help? Click [HERE](#) to see what they are.

Process and Pray (After the Sermon)

Our priorities - what we think about the most, spend our time on the most, and care about the most - can reveal what our hearts actually worship as having ultimate importance. In the list below **cross out** things that might be important, but do **NOT** have ETERNAL or ULTIMATE importance. **Circle** the things that do.

The 2020 presidential election Sharing the gospel Your high school GPA

Playing a on a sports team Video games Growing in your knowledge & love of Jesus

Doing your work/job as worship A job that makes lots of money Being popular/important

Eternity with God Our personal talents Using our talents to bring attention to Jesus

Our followers on Insta or Snapchat Following and trusting Jesus Having a boyfriend or girlfriend

Spend some time talking to God. Ask His help to prioritize and live for what is eternally important.