

easter

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

1st Cor 15: 3-8; 17

General:

- When you hear the phrase “the greatest story ever told,” what comes to mind? What makes a story truly great?
- Why do you think the resurrection of Jesus is so central to Christianity, rather than just one important part of it?
- Pastor Chip opened with the idea that if the resurrection didn’t happen, everything in Christianity is meaningless. What’s your initial reaction to that claim?
- Based on what we know about Saul (his background, opposition to Christianity, and actions), why is his conversion so significant?
- In 1 Cor. 15:3-8, Paul outlines what he received and passed on. What stands out to you about the way he describes the death and resurrection of Jesus?
- How does knowing this message was something Paul “received” (not invented) shape how you understand its credibility?
- Why do you think Paul emphasizes eyewitnesses (Peter, the twelve, 500 others, James, and himself)? What does that add to his message?

- How does Paul's story challenge or strengthen your confidence in the truth of the gospel?
- Pastor Chip pointed out that even non-Christian scholars agree on certain facts (Jesus existed, was crucified, and that the disciples believed they saw Him alive). Why is that significant?
- Of the common objections (Jesus didn't exist, didn't die, or didn't rise), which do you think people wrestle with most today? Why?
- How does it impact your faith to know that Christianity is rooted in historical claims, not just spiritual ideas?
- When you consider the evidence presented (Paul's transformation, eyewitness accounts, early testimony), what do you think is the most reasonable explanation?
- Faith and evidence often get framed as opposites. How does this message challenge that assumption?
- John 3:16 presents a personal response: belief in Jesus. In light of everything you've heard and discussed, what does it look like for you to personally respond to the resurrection right now?