

CHURCH IN A BROKEN WORLD

Sermon: The Gospel First

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-26

Opening Questions

What cultural ideas about life after death or the body exist today for those who don't yet know Christ?

Why does trusting in Jesus' physical resurrection and our physical resurrection matter within your understanding of the Gospel and eternity?

How does knowing that salvation ends in a resurrected body—rather than just an immortal soul— shift your view of daily life and God's ultimate plan for humanity?

Digging Deeper

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1–11. What details does Paul emphasize as essential to the Gospel, and why does he list so many eyewitnesses?

According to 1 Corinthians 15:12–19, what are the direct consequences for our faith and forgiveness if Christ was not physically raised?

Verse 20 calls Christ the "firstfruits." What does this reveal about God's plan to redeem creation rather than abandon it?

Read Romans 8:18–25. How does longing for the "redemption of our bodies" give us hope and patience in the middle of present suffering and physical decay?

Living it Out

Where do you feel the most pressure to conform to culture, and how can your Christian community pray for you to stand firm in Scripture?

Look at 1 Corinthians 15:1–2. What daily habits keep our beliefs grounded in Scripture rather than cultural drift?

How can we live peaceably in this world while maintaining a distinct, Gospel-centered life that points others to Jesus?