

“For I delivered to you as of first importance...”
- 1 Corinthians 15:1

I. TRUST IN AND BE REMINDED OF THE GOSPEL (15:1-2)

- The gospel is the answer for salvation.
- The gospel is the answer for sanctification.
- The gospel is the answer for every sin struggle and every trial.
- The gospel is the answer for those who have believed in vain.

II. WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? (15:3-4)

- The person of Christ - Jesus is truly God and truly man.
- The work of Christ - Jesus died for sins, was buried, and was raised from the dead according to the Scriptures.
- The gospel was promised and foreshadowed in the Old Testament.

III. THE GOSPEL IS NOT DEVOID OF HISTORICAL FACTS (15:3-8)

- Jesus died on a Roman cross under Pontius Pilate.
- Jesus was buried in a tomb.
- Jesus' tomb was empty on the third day.
- Many people claimed to have seen Jesus after his resurrection.
- Many people were martyred because they would not deny they saw Jesus raised from the dead.
- No one dies for a lie.

IV. TRUSTING AND OBEYING (15:1-8)

- Trust in the person and work of Christ.
- Remind yourself of the gospel every day.
- Make the gospel of first importance in all of life.
- Learn how to connect the gospel to all sin struggles & trials.
- Be equipped and share the gospel with everyone.
- Know and share the historical facts concerning Jesus.

KNOW: Know the person and work of Christ personally.

DO: Receive the gospel. Stand in the gospel. Grow in the gospel. Hold fast to the gospel. Share the gospel.

Suggested Reading:

Gospel Primer by Milton Vincent

Gospel of Jesus Christ by Paul Washer

The Historical Jesus: Ancient Evidence for the Life of Christ by Gary Habermas

**Questions/Discovery Points for
Life Groups/Families**

Please Read I Corinthians 15:1-8

1. What is of first importance in your life? How do you spend time and money? What do you most think about, talk about, and get excited about?
2. What is the gospel? How must people respond to the gospel?
3. Why should we be daily reminded of the gospel? How can we do this?
4. Why is the gospel the answer for salvation, sanctification, and all our sins struggles and trials? Give a specific example of how the gospel is the answer to a specific sin struggle and a specific trial.
5. How were the historical facts of the gospel in the sermon helpful?
6. In what specific ways will you trust and obey 1 Corinthians 15:1-8? (For examples see the bottom of the first page).