

Personal Study

(1) Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-2. Write down all the verbs in these two verses. Which ones stand out to you as most significant in Paul's argument? _____

(2) Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-5. When Paul says twice in these verses that Jesus died and was raised "according to the Scriptures" what is he referring to? Find passages from the Old Testament that predicted Jesus' death and resurrection: _____

(3) Read 1 Corinthians 15:6-8. What part of Paul's evidential argument is most effective in your mind in defending the historicity of the resurrection of Jesus? _____

(4) Read 1 Corinthians 15:9-11. How did Paul understand himself in relationship to the other apostles? _____

(5) Paul makes the case in these verses that his message was not unique – it was received from the apostolic community (15:3). Where in the other writings of the New Testament do you see a similar gospel presentation? _____

(6) Read 1 John 4:1-10. What is unique about the gospel message compared to the teachings of other religions? _____

Personal Application

(1) How did you first come to believe that Jesus was really, historically resurrected and alive today? _____

(2) What doubts have you had along your spiritual journey about the exclusive claims of Jesus? _____

(3) Where do you look for help when doubts plague you? _____

(4) If someone told you that they doubted the claims of Jesus, what would say to them? _____

(5) The message of grace that is unique to the Christian gospel should lead to gracious, loving, compassionate Christians. Why do you think the church struggles to live out these values? _____

(6) In what ways has the gospel of Jesus Christ changed your life? _____

(7) What do you think God wants you to learn from this message and this study? _____

