

# OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## WHAT IF IT'S NOT TRUE?

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-19

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1. Preaching is \_\_\_\_\_
2. Faith is \_\_\_\_\_
3. Witness is \_\_\_\_\_
4. Still in your \_\_\_\_\_
5. Death is the \_\_\_\_\_

### What If It's True?

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2. Faith is \_\_\_\_\_
3. Witness is \_\_\_\_\_
4. Forgiven and \_\_\_\_\_
5. Death is a \_\_\_\_\_

PASTOR CLAYTON'S  
INTERVIEW WITH  
DR. CRAIG BLOMBERG:



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

**ICE BREAKER** Have you ever been completely convinced of something that turned out to be wrong? What was that experience like?

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. Why do you think Paul felt so strongly that you can't separate belief in Jesus from belief in a literal, physical resurrection? (look also at 1 Cor 15:3-8)

2. Pastor Eric pointed out that the Apostles' Creed, a summary of core Christian beliefs, specifically names Pontius Pilate, a real Roman governor. The point being that the resurrection isn't presented as myth or metaphor but as an event in actual human history. Does it matter to you whether it happened historically? Why or why not?

3. Paul lists five consequences in 1 Corinthians 15 if the resurrection isn't true: preaching is useless, faith is pointless, witnesses are liars, sins are unforgiven, and the dead are simply gone. Which of those five hits you the hardest? Which one do you find yourself wanting to push back on the most? Of the three evidences Eric found personally compelling (writings outside the Bible, eyewitnesses willing to die, and transformed lives) which one lands most for you and why?

4. The sermon named a resistance that isn't really about evidence: "It's not that I'm unsure this happened. It's that I know what believing it would cost me." How honest is that for you or for people you know?

5. The sermon also named a different kind of resistance — not skepticism, but hurt. The person who prayed and didn't get what they prayed for. The person who trusted God and felt abandoned. How do you think the resurrection speaks to that person? Or does it?

6. Pastor Eric described death as a doorway rather than an end. Has anyone in your life died in a way that made you think seriously about what's on the other side? How did that experience shape how you think about any of this?

7. Pastor Eric used the phrase "death is a doorway" and made the point that it's not just about physical death. The same pattern shows up in everyday life: you die to an old way of living in order to experience something new. Where have you already seen that pattern work? In a relationship, a habit, or a season of life, where repenting or letting something go led to something better?

8. **APPLICATION** Eric made the point that resurrection life isn't just a future promise. It's available right now in the areas where we're willing to die to sin and old patterns. Identify one specific area where you know you're not experiencing God's best. What is the thing that needs to die: a habit, an attitude, a relationship dynamic, a way of coping? What might it look like to take one small step toward surrendering it?