



CORINTHIANS

Hopelessness of resurrection keeps people unproductive P4

Session Number: 33 | Week: 5 | Day: 5

Bible Passage

1 Corinthians 15:50-59

Introduction

In this session, of chapter 15: 50-59, we will focus on understanding our productivity or unproductivity because of our hope in the resurrection of the bodies. We realize that the hope of resurrection or the lack of it makes us live differently here on earth today. As we wait for our bodies to be transformed, we must work enthusiastically for the lord, knowing that it's not in vain

Session Objectives

By the end of this session, the learner will have:

- Stated what to do or not to do due to the hope of resurrection
- Reflected on life after death
- Compared the buried bodies with the resurrected bodies
- Appreciated that ignorance about Christian resurrection will keep you from being productive in the current work of the LORD
- Known the mystery of Christian victory over death through Christ?
- Been warned about how bad company (what they say/teach, do/ practice, or their being/ character) corrupts good morals (decision-making abilities)

Session Outline

- Resurrection of Jesus guarantees our resurrection
- Ignorance of the cross and Resurrection keeps you unproductive
- Compare buried bodies and resurrected bodies

Connecting

- Gather with two or more people for a community discovery bible study session.
- Start with a heartfelt prayer, inviting God to guide and bless your understanding.
- Explore the passage by reading it at least twice, using different Bible versions if available, then retell the story together as a group.

- Reflect and share the challenges and blessings you experienced from the previous study.

Comprehending

- What does Paul say relating our current physical bodies and the kingdom of God? 1 Corinthians 15: 50.
- What mystery or secret is revealed about Christian victory over death through Christ? 15: 51-59. What do these verses reveal about body transformation?
- How does ignorance about our victory over death keep us unproductive currently in the work of the Lord? 15: 58-59
- What have you learnt about life after death that encourages you in your ministry and which you can share with a struggling brother or sister?

Extra question

- Read Matthew 28: 11-15. Discover how the bad company corrupted the good morals of some Israelites and soldiers on the resurrection of Jesus.

Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you have learnt as an agent of change that you would like to put into practice and teach others about.
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ.
- Use the **SPACEPETS** model, to assist you in putting God's word into practice. Look for:
 - **Sin** to confess
 - **Promise** to claim
 - **Attitude** to change
 - **Command** to keep
 - **Error** to change
 - **Prayer** to make
 - **Example** to copy
 - **Truth** to obey and
 - **Something** praiseworthy

Communicating

- Identify one person you can connect with and share the valuable insights and lessons you gained from this session.
- Reach out to a new believer—either in person or by phone—and pray with them to support them through their challenges, including any concerns about attending church.
- Create a new group and guide others through this study to help them grow in their understanding.

Context

- Hope in resurrection purifies and motivates productivity; lack of hope leads to unproductiveness and wrong associations like invoking the dead.
- Resurrection order: Christ first, then believers at His coming, finally unbelievers; bodies planted await transformation, not to be invoked.

Hope in Resurrection and Transformation (1 Corinthians 15:50-59)

- **Flesh Cannot Inherit Kingdom:** Flesh and blood (perishable) cannot inherit God's imperishable kingdom.
- **Mystery of Change:** Not all will sleep (die), but all changed in a flash, at the last trumpet; dead raised imperishable, living transformed.
- **Perishable to Imperishable:** Perishable clothed with imperishable, mortal with immortality, fulfilling "Death swallowed in victory."
- **Victory Over Death:** Death's sting (sin) and power (law) conquered through Christ; thanks to God for victory.
- **Productive Response:** Stand firm, immovable, fully devoted to Lord's work, knowing labor is not in vain.

Application

- Maintain hope in bodily transformation at Christ's return to conquer death, motivating steadfast, productive service to the Lord.