

Study Guide Questions

Series: Victory

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Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 NIV

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

- The story of God's redemption and reconciliation is everywhere. Where in modern secular culture have you seen a type of God's redemptive story? Paul would often use the culture of his peers to speak to them about the message of Christ (see Acts 17:22-24 as one example). How can we use truths about God found in our culture to share more explicitly about Him with others?
- What is Paul referring to when he talks about first fruits? Why is this analogy important for understanding our future hope of bodily resurrection?
- Do you have a defined eschatological (end-times) viewpoint? Spend some time reviewing Scripture and share from where you draw this perspective. What have you heard about what happens after death from the non-believers you know? How can you use a conversation about death and the afterlife to share the Gospel message?
- This passage talks about all the enemies that Christ will bring under submission. What or who do you think some of these enemies are and what makes them an enemy of God? Do you feel like you confront or are impacted by any of these enemies? If so, how?
- **Read Romans 5:15.** What is the relationship between Adam and Christ? Actions by one person can have a lasting impact. Look at what resulted from one decision by Adam and one act by Jesus. How has one sin in your life significantly impacted the trajectory of your life? Share about a moment when one act brought or led to restoration.



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- **Read Matthew 25:1-13.** As the Parable of the Ten Virgins conveys, we need to be ready for Christ's return. Are you ready for Christ's return? Why or why not? What does a person need to do to be prepared for Christ's return?
- Share about the tension you feel/experience between God having power in the present, but Satan still ruling on this earth. As Christians, how do we process the dichotomy of what we proclaim as true (Christ is King), yet do not see fully realized (His authority is not yet seen/obeyed by everyone)? Do you think having a response to this could help others outside the faith come to faith?
- If you were to be alive when Jesus inaugurates his millennial reign, what pains and sorrows would you most look forward to leaving behind? What steps can you take to see positive movement in those areas today?
- We know that there is equality within the Godhead, yet this passage shares that the Son is submissive to the Father. Submission is not a reflection of inferiority or lesser worth. Christ constantly submitted himself to the will of the Father. Where is an area in your life where you need to submit for the glory of the Father?



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