

GO DEEPER

This week, read the Scriptures from Sunday and answer these questions:

- 1. What did you learn from Sunday's sermon? Did you gain new insights?
- 2. [1 Corinthians 15:1–2] Paul reminds the Corinthians of "the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved." What does Paul mean when he says believers are being saved by the gospel "if you hold fast to the word"? How does this challenge modern assumptions about salvation being a one-time event rather than an ongoing reality?
- 3. [1 Corinthians 15:3–4] Paul declares the gospel as "of first importance," emphasizing Christ's death for sins, burial, and resurrection. Why is it essential that the gospel remain the core of Christian belief and ministry? How can churches today drift from the gospel as their center, and how can we guard against that?
- 4. [1 Corinthians 15:3–8] Paul lists eyewitnesses of the risen Christ, grounding faith in verifiable historical reality. Why does Paul emphasize eyewitness testimony when explaining the resurrection? How does the historicity of Jesus' resurrection strengthen our confidence in the truth of Christianity today?
- 5. [1 Corinthians 15:9–10] Paul, once a persecutor of the church, says, "By the grace of God I am what I am." How does Paul's life illustrate the transforming power of grace? In what ways have you personally experienced God's grace changing your perspective, priorities, or identity?
- 6. [1 Corinthians 15:11] Paul emphasizes that all the apostles "preached" the same message and the Corinthians "believed" it. What does this verse teach about the importance of doctrinal unity in the church? How can the gospel unify believers across different backgrounds, traditions, or generations?
- 7. [1 Corinthians 15:1–2, 11] Paul calls believers to stand firm in the gospel they received. What does it look like to "stand firm" in the gospel in a culture filled with spiritual pluralism or moral confusion, like ancient Corinth and like our world today? What practices help believers keep the gospel central in daily life, worship, and witness?