

1 Corinthians 15:35-44 (February 19, 2023)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

BIBLE PASSAGE STUDY QUESTIONS: READ 1 Corinthians 15:35-44

1. Some of the Corinthians struggled to understand **HOW** the dead would be resurrected. Sometimes peoples' lack of understanding the "**how**" keeps them from belief. Give examples from scripture (like Luke 1:13-20, 30-38, etc.) of people who did not understand **how** God would work. Who believed God and who struggled to believe?

2. What has God said that made you wonder or struggle to understand **HOW** will He do what He said?

3. The "glory" of something refers to its unique quality, asset, excellence, magnificence, or grandeur. What do you note about God's creative work in 1 Corinthians 15:38-41?

4. Contrast the earthly “sown” body with the resurrected “raised” body from the verses below.

Verse 42:

Verse 43a and Philippians 3:20-21:

Verse 43b:

Verse 44 (Here, spiritual means not nonphysical, but supernatural or Spirit-empowered):

5. Paul addressed questions raised regarding what a body would be like when it is resurrected. Consider his response in this passage and from “The Message” translation (verses 37-38) and share your thoughts about what is to come concerning your resurrected body.

“There are no diagrams for this kind of thing. We do have a parallel experience in gardening. You plant a “dead” seed; soon there is a flourishing plant. There is no visual likeness between seed and plant. You could never guess what a tomato would look like by looking at a tomato seed. What we plant in the soil and what grows out of it don’t look anything alike. The dead body that we bury in the ground and the resurrection body that comes from it will be dramatically different.”