

## #6

**RESURRECTION CLARIFIED**

(1Corinthians 15:35-49)

1. **REMEMBERING** What was a personal example of when you heard “bad news” that later became “good news”?
2. **REFLECTING** What are some examples of bad news/good news that often come together and leave you feeling conflicted about the news?
3. **DISCOVERING** Read aloud 1Cor 15:45-49 and answer the questions that follow.
  - What is the “bad news” about being *in Adam* and the “good news” about being *in Christ*, the second Adam?

Read aloud 1Thes 4:13-5:11.

  - To whom does Paul writing, not “Thessalonians,” but what *kind* of people?
  - What is the key to experiencing the comfort Paul describes?
  - What are some consequences of not knowing what Scripture teaches about life after death?
  - Are we forbidden to grieve and if not, what kind of grief is appropriate?
  - What are some practical takeaways of the doctrines Paul is presenting here?
4. **CONNECTING** What is the most comforting, reassuring thing to you that Paul says regarding the resurrection?
5. **RESPONDING** What is one specific thing you will do this week to expose you prepare you for a more meaningful celebration of Easter next week?

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In the end, his will, not ours, is done. Love is the victor. Death is not the end. The end is life. His life and our lives through him, in him. Existence has greater depths of beauty, mystery, and benediction than the wildest visionary has ever dared to dream. Christ our Lord has risen.

(Frederick Buechner, *The Magnificent Defeat*)