

Part 5 – 1 Corinthians 15:1–58
Facing Hard Questions
Leader's Guide
(Video 28 minutes)

Discussion questions post video:

At a funeral it is obvious that no works that we do can offer hope to the deceased or their family. The only offer of hope is the promise of our Lord in the resurrection.

- ❖ How does recognizing the promise of our resurrected bodies as a true gift of God help us to see our bodies today as a gift from God?
 - Our bodies, made by the hand of God, are a gift. We were made body and spirit to be a living being, and in the resurrection we will also be body and spirit.

The “New Creation” is related to God’s original creation by the renewal of that “good creation”. In Genesis 1:31, it is written “And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.” In verse 15:28, Paul writes that God the Father has put all things under the reign of his Son and closes the verse with “that God may be all in all.”

- ❖ How do we see “all in all” and “it was very good” come together as we understand the Lord’s Day and the final Harvest?
 - God does not destroy his creation that he said was very good and make something new. Our Lord renews what he has made making it perfect in his eyes.
- ❖ How does God’s original perfect creation in Genesis 1 help us to understand the new creation at the resurrection?
 - God saw his creation as very good, in the fall that image was tarnished. In the resurrection that image will be restored.

Read Luther’s Small Catechism questions 187, 189, and 190.

The Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed reads in part, “... the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.”

- ❖ What is the difference between resurrection and eternal life and why does the Creed put them in this sequence especially looking at the Catechism?
 - Answers according to the Small Catechism.
- ❖ What difference does it make in my life today knowing that the fulfillment of the promise of God is the resurrection and that I will be raised not just as a spirit, but also with a body?
 - Answers will vary.