

Everything Matters. Forever.

Sunday, May 14, 2017

1 Cor 15:20-34

Stories

We All Have a Story

Not just events – Meaning
Paul’s big story, and a couple others

Eat, Drink and be Merry

In the end, very little matters
The future, especially does not matter

Immortal Souls

This world does not matter
Physical “stuff” does not matter

Resurrection

Storyline (22-28)

- Jesus – Firstfruits; First of lots more
- Us – In turn, when he comes
- The plot
 - He reigns now
 - Complete reign in the end

Living in this Story

Hope – The Future Matters

Purpose - Everything Matters

Creation, New Creation – The World Matters

Resurrected Bodies – Our Bodies Matter

A Bigger Story – Everything Matters – Not just about me

It Has Started – The Present Matters

Stop Sinning – Our Actions Matter

It’s Worth the Effort – Our Work Matters

Small Group Guide

Kicking off your Time Together

Ice Breaker

Tell us one of your our your families favourite (short!) stories.

Opening Prayer

Have one or two open in prayer asking God to be present and to direct your time.

What Did you Bring?

Did you bring anything to share to encourage the group? (consider 1 Cor 14:26 as the pattern for this part of the meeting.)

Read Passage

Read this passage: 1 Cor 15:20-34

Discuss a few of these questions:

Paul outlines a “story of the world” in verses 20-28. How did the story begin? Where does Jesus fit into the story? What is happening now? What will happen later? List as many features of this story as you can find.

In light of this story, how does Paul live? How does he want his readers to live?

If this story is true, what difference could it make in your life now?

What would be something you can do this week in light of what has been read and discussed?

Pray for Each Other

In light of all that has been shared, pray for each other.
You may want to share specific requests.