

PREACHING CURRICULUM

The Sad Reality of Death

1 Corinthians 15:35-50

*“Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust,
we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.”*

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-41. What three analogies does Paul use in this text to help us understand the nature of the resurrection body?

What is Paul teaching us with these three analogies?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:42-49. Who is Paul referring to when he speaks of “the first Adam” and “the man of dust”? Who does this person represent?

Who is “the last Adam” (verse 45)?

What does it mean to “bear the image of the man of heaven” (verse 49)? Why is that an exciting and hopeful possibility?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God’s Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

In what ways do people today attempt to deal with the problem of death? How well do these approaches work in the long run?

What is your own attitude toward death?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

How does Jesus’ death make it possible for us to attain eternal life?

According to this text, in eternity, will we live on as disembodied spirits, or will we have physical bodies forever?

How does the reality of the resurrection (both of Jesus and our own) affect our lives today?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

How will you live in light of the reality of the resurrection this week?