

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1–11

Gospel Visual: Follow-up Bible Study

FOCUS

1. What is the best piece of news you have ever received? What made it so special?
2. On a scale of 1–10 (10 being most confident), how confident are you that you could share the gospel message with someone today? Why?

BIBLICAL CONTEXT

- **1 Corinthians** is a New Testament letter written by the apostle Paul to the church in Corinth — a wealthy, culturally diverse, and morally complex city in ancient Greece.
- **The church there** was struggling with division, immorality, and confusion about some of the most fundamental truths of the Christian faith.
- **By chapter 15**, Paul is addressing a serious problem: some people in the church were denying that the resurrection of Jesus had happened.
- **Paul writes this section** not to introduce something new, but to remind them of what they had already received — the gospel.

STUDY

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1–11

1. Paul says he is reminding them of a gospel they already received — and that they stand in it and are being saved by it (v. 1–2). Why do you think believers need to be reminded of the gospel, not just told once?
2. Paul says you are saved “if you hold fast” to the gospel (v. 2). This is not a works-based condition but a description of what genuine faith looks like over time — it perseveres. What does this tell you about the difference between a faith that is truly rooted in the gospel and one that is not?
3. How does Paul define the gospel message here (v. 3–4)? Of everything he could have said about it, why do you think he focused on these three things?
4. According to this passage, why did Christ die (v. 3–4)? Paul repeats the phrase “in accordance with the Scriptures” twice — what is he trying to prove and why does that matter?
5. Paul says Jesus was buried, then names person after person who saw Him alive (v. 4–8). Why do you think he stacks up that much evidence?

6. Paul calls himself the “least of the apostles” and admits he persecuted the church (v. 9–11). What does his story show you about what the gospel can do in a person’s life? How is his own life evidence for the message he preached?

APPLY

- 1. Look back at the gospel visual — where do you see the story of this passage reflected in that illustration?**
- 2. What makes the gospel such important and special news to hear and share?**
- 3. Paul’s life was completely transformed by an encounter with the risen Jesus. What is one way you can grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus this week?**

REFLECT & CONNECT

The gospel is not complicated — but it is everything. Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day. That is the message Paul delivered, the message the early church staked their lives on, and the message that is just as true and just as urgent today. It is not just information to know — it is a reality to respond to. This week, take one honest step toward where you want to be. If you have never responded to the gospel, today is the day. If you have, find someone this week who needs to hear what you just read — and tell them.