

## Study Guide

### “A Living Hope”

**Monday** - Read *1 Corinthians 15:3-8*. 1 Corinthians 15 is the first written account we have of Jesus' resurrection. List the various eyewitnesses Paul says saw the risen Jesus. How important was that roster of eyewitnesses in establishing the credibility of the “foolish-sounding” (1 Cor. 1:22-25) Christian message?

**Tuesday** - Read *1 Corinthians 15:16-19*. After establishing the fact of Jesus' resurrection, Paul moved to a profound reflection on why that fact matters so much. How does he connect the resurrection to the vital Christian messages of salvation from sin and hope for the future?

**Wednesday** - Read *1 Corinthians 15:50-55*. Paul says “flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.” How do you envision this future Paul describes, in which we remain ourselves and yet are changed by God.

**Thursday** - Read *1 Thessalonians 5:15*, *3 John 1:11*. Jesus' resurrection affirms the ultimate triumph of good over evil. How have you seen good overcome evil? What helps you to remain focused on what is good, even when you encounter evil in other people?

**Friday** - Read *Romans 8:24-25*, *1 Peter 1:3-6*. What are some people or events, in your personal life or in the world around us that tempt you to feel discouragement and despair? How can the resurrection of Jesus change the way you look at those realities, and cause hope to overcome despair in your heart?

**Saturday** - Read *John 1:1-5*, *5:21-14*, *11:23-26*. In a world where we continually hear about suicide bombings, traffic deaths and deadly viruses, what does it mean for life to triumph over death? What does it look and feel like for you to live as a person who has the assurance of eternal life? Read *Colossians 3:1-5*. Does this passage challenge you to become more of a “resurrection person” in any area of your life? If so, identify the change you want to see happen, and ask God to help you live more fully in the light of the resurrection.