**1 Corinthians 15v1-11**

**Bible Study Outline for Homegroups**

**St. Margaret’s**

**8th April 2024**

Warm up

1. What do you find is the most compelling reason to believe in the resurrection?
2. How strong a case is there for Jesus having risen?

Verses 1-2: The Centrality of the Gospel

In verses 1 & 2 there are 7 verbs. We could almost have a study on just these 2 verses. Let us focus on 3 that we didn’t look at on Sunday (Robert’s talk)

1. Why was it necessary or desirable for Paul to ‘remind’ the Corinthians of the gospel? Is the gospel something we are liable to forget? If not what is the purpose of ‘reminding’?
2. The Corinthians are described as ‘receiving’ the gospel. What do you think this means?
3. Taking your stand and ‘holding firmly’ are linked. How? Can you depict a scenario where ‘holding firmly’ is particularly relevant?

Verses 3 – 5a: Of first importance

1. When Paul says he ‘received’ the gospel what does he mean? (Interesting cross references include Gal 1v11-12, 2 Cor 12v1-4) What would you say was Paul’s contribution to our understanding of the Christian Faith?
2. Looking at the gospel description in these verses would you say Paul had missed anything essential out? If so what? How would these verses contrast with John 3v16 in terms of summarising the gospel?
3. Why would say that these verses are of the 1st importance?

Verses 5b – 8: Attestation

1. How do these verses contribute to the force of the message that Paul is putting across? Why might these verses help us realise that the resurrection is not some form of deception or contrivance?
2. Can we infer anything about the nature of Christ’s resurrection from these verses?
3. How would you respond to the sceptic who found it hard to believe in the resurrection?

Verses 9 – 2: Paul’s experience of Grace

1. Please define grace.
2. What do we learn of biographical interest about Paul?
3. Why does grace resonate so strongly in the life of Paul?
4. There are at least 3 ways in which grace has impacted Paul mentioned in this passage alone. Can you identify them?