

How an Empty Tomb gives us Strong Hearts

1 Corinthians 15

Introduction

We all long to have our lives to count — to have some lasting meaning.
But how is that possible if we are all going to die?
Paul answers that in I Corinthians 15.

Who is this Lord?

The Lord is Jesus — the Lord Jesus Christ.

What is the work of the Lord?

Jesus calls us to work —
To pray and study God's Word
To fight sin in our lives
If we are called to marriage, to love our wife or husband, and children
To work at our job
To be devoted to a group of believers
To help people come to know Jesus

What keeps us from abounding in the work of the Lord?

Distractions
Disappointments
Difficulties
Hopelessness

How can we keep abounding in the work of the Lord?

Note the "therefore" at the beginning of v.58.
It's by understanding that we will be raised from the dead (vv.51-52),
And that our work for Jesus' glory now, will add something to the display of His glory forever.

How can we be sure we will be raised from the dead?

Because Jesus was raised from the dead.

How can we be sure Jesus was raised from the dead?

Vv.3-8 — because of the massive historical evidence.

So what does this mean for us?

Trust Jesus.

Abound in the work of the Lord.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

What "work of the Lord" is easiest for you to pursue? What is hardest? Why?

What's keeping you from always abounding in the work of the Lord?

What happens to your heart when you think that your work now will add to the display of Jesus' glory forever?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

