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## PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for your Son, Jesus, who died for us, was buried, and was raised! Because he lives, we, too, have life eternal and abundant. Thank you for life! In Jesus' precious name, Amen.

## WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

Think about being completely bored in a meeting until someone walks in and brings the room to life! Who is the first person you think of when you think of someone who brings life to a room you're in?

## NOTES

## WORD

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

[1 Corinthians 15:12-19](#) (ESV)

<sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

<sup>55</sup> “O death, where is your victory?  
O death, where is your sting?”

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

[1 Corinthians 15:54-58](#) (ESV)

## GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = completely meaningless, 10 = absolutely everything), how would you rate the importance of Jesus being alive and real in your life? How does this show in your every day living?

2. How does the death of Jesus, the Son of God, affect your life?
3. When Paul writes in verses 13-14 that if Jesus did not rise from the dead, our faith is in vain, what do you think he means?
4. Have you experienced the victory that Jesus Christ offers? If so, how have you seen this in your life? If not, would you like to see this in your life? Ask your Life Group leader to pray alongside you to experience this victory by the grace of God.
5. Who do you know that needs to hear the Gospel, that Jesus died to save us from our sin? Are you willing to tell them about Jesus this week?

## PRAYER LIST