

# Surprised by Hope

## The Hope of Resurrection

### *1 Corinthians 15:35–58*

**Big Idea:** God has an eternal plan for your body!

### Opening Icebreaker

- If the 'fountain of youth' existed, would you want it? Why or why not?
- Why do people try to preserve their bodies?

### Observation: What Does the Text Say?

1. What question is asked in verse 35?
2. What analogy is used in verses 36–38?
3. What kinds of flesh are described?
4. How are earthly and heavenly bodies compared?
5. What contrasts are listed in verses 42–44?
6. How are Adam and Christ compared?
7. What happens at the last trumpet?
8. What victory is declared?
9. What command is given?

### Interpretation: What Does the Text Mean?

10. What does the seed analogy teach?
11. Why is resurrection not resuscitation?
12. What is a 'spiritual body'?
13. What do the contrasts reveal?
14. How is the resurrection body suited for eternity?

15. What does it mean to bear Adam's vs. Christ's image?
16. How does Jesus shape our future?
17. What does 'death swallowed up' mean?
18. How is death's sting removed?
19. Why must all be changed?
20. What does this teach about Christ's return?

### **Application: How Should This Change Us?**

21. How does this change your view of your body?
22. Where do you focus on preservation?
23. How does this shape your view of suffering?
24. What does it mean to stand firm?
25. How can you serve more fully?
26. How does this give purpose?
27. What fears are challenged?
28. Who can you encourage?

### **Closing Reflection**

- What truth stands out most?
- How will this shape your week?

### **Closing Prayer**

Pray for faith and resurrection hope.