



Week 7

Sermon Series: Death is Defeated

Sermon Title: "Nothing is Vain"

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:55-58

Study Handout Week of: March 13, 2022

Group Week of: March 20, 2022

Sermon Date: March 27, 2022

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Death and Deliverance – Hosea 13:1-16
Day 2	Sin Brings Death – Romans 5:12-17
Day 3	The Law Reveals Sin – Romans 7:7-25
Day 4	Victory in Christ – 1 John 5:1-5
Day 5	Steadfast in The Lord – Psalm 1

### The Text: 1 Corinthians 15:55-58

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Observe Everything.** Use pens and highlighters to mark the text. Come up with your own system of symbols, underlines, arrows, highlights, and notes, that will *help you understand and apply*. Only do what is helpful.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.

<sup>55</sup> "Where, O death, is your victory?"

Where, O death, 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! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

### Textual Questions

- 1) What is the message God and Paul are speaking to the Corinthians (and to you) through this passage?
- 2) How does death lose its sting for the believer?
- 3) Why is the primary application of the Resurrection of Christ to "stand firm"?

## Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) When Christians die, they know that they will not experience the sting of death. For this reason, Christians can die with great peace and even expectation for the goodness of heaven. If you have one, write out a testimony of a Christian that you know who passed away with peace and joy.
  
- 2) Those without Christ experience the sting of death. If you have ever been to the funeral of a non-believer, share your experience of how death with all its sting affected those present.
  
- 3) What are the things you are most afraid to do for Jesus? What makes you fearful?
  
- 4) What are the things most difficult to do for Jesus? What makes them difficult?
  
- 5) Paul says that because of the victory that Christians have over death, we should be steadfast and immovable and give ourselves FULLY to the work of the Lord. Where do you hold back in giving yourself to the work of the Lord and why. (Your previous answers should be relevant here.)
  
- 6) How does the victory over death, and the assurance of our resurrection, help you to be immovable in the places where fears, difficulty, and the world, move you?
  
- 7) What is the wildest thing you have ever wanted to do for Christ and why have you not yet done it? Does the truth of the Resurrection change your attitude towards that thing? Why or why not?
  
- 8) In some place in your life today, you need to stand firm, fully dedicated to Christ. It may be an area of sin, or an action that will take great courage. Meditate on the truth that Paul ends with: "you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." With the Spirit's help, apply this truth to that action you know you need to take. Write out your commitment below and ask your Life Group to help keep you accountable in that action.