

# The Creed

Notes

***“The resurrection of the body and life everlasting”***

Sermon Dates: May 22/23, 2010

## Icebreaker

- What was your understanding of death as a child? Did you grow up in a Christian home where it was taught that there was a resurrection of the body and eternal life after death? If not, what did your family believe happened when someone died?

## Opening Prayer

## Questions for Discussion

1) Have you recently lost, through death, someone close to you? Who was it? What were the circumstances? What emotions did you feel? How did you grieve?

2) Before hearing this weekend's sermon, what was your understanding of what happens to a person when they die? Where did your understanding of what happens after death come from? Church? A book? Family or friends? What did you envision happening after death?

3) How would you explain to someone why it is important that Christians believe in a *bodily resurrection*, instead of, for instance, believing in just the resurrection of the soul or spirit? What is so important about us being *physically resurrected*?

***[Leader's Note: The idea here is that Christianity affirms the value of both body and soul, of both the physical and spiritual worlds].***

4) 1 Corinthians 15 is the most extensive treatment of the resurrection of the body in the New Testament. Take time to read this chapter out loud as a group, having one person or several people who are comfortable doing so, read. Then consider the following questions:

- a) What is the proof that we will be physically resurrected? (v. 12)
- b) What will our resurrected body be like? (vv. 42-44)
- c) When will the resurrection happen? (vv. 51-52)

