



## Motivation

“Once you actually begin to work on a valuable task, you will be naturally motivated to continue”

Brian Tracy

To know what is valuable, you need to see \_\_\_\_\_

## SO WILL IT BE WITH THE RESURRECTION

1 Corinthians 15

Vs. 42-44

There is a \_\_\_\_\_ body, and a \_\_\_\_\_ body

Vs. 45-49

We start with dirt, but hope is in the \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 50-53

We cannot be of the stuff of this world,  
because dirt doesn't \_\_\_\_\_.

Vs.54-57

If all you have is exceedingly fragile,  
you protect it with all you have.

The biggest stick out there is \_\_\_\_\_

## Jesus removes the big stick!

vs.58 *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.*



# ENCOUNTER GROUPS

Spiritual Growth Small Groups at Emmanuel Reformed Church

## Getting Started

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It is a tradition to give up something during Lent. Have you ever given up something in past years? Why?  
Upon reflection, do you think it had a spiritual impact on your life?

## Sunday's Message

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Before reviewing the sermon, reread **1 Corinthians 15:42-58**.  
Briefly review the sermon together.  
What are your reactions and feelings around the idea of our resurrection from the dead?  
What from this message helps you see reality more clearly?

For those who have lived for years with a fear of punishment as a primary motivator, it can be a challenge for them to stay on track when the fear of punishment is removed. What can help someone transition from fear as a motive, to accomplishing something of value as a motive?

## Going Deeper

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The resurrection of the dead has always been a hard idea to accept. Go back and read **1 Corinthians 15:12-19**.  
Why is accepting resurrection important?  
Why do you think Paul wrote vs. 19?

But we are not to be pitied, because of the bold reality shared in vs. 20-22

The shift that can motivate us toward things which are truly valuable is from being driven by a fear of death, to being guided by hope of eternity which calls us to engage in valuable activity.  
What are the most valuable things you can be involved with?

## Application

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What can you give up this Lent which will have a spiritual impact on your life? What thoughts and habits keep you focused on the temporary things of this world?