



## PART 1: TAKE YOUR STAND ON THE GOSPEL

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### Sermon Notes

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

#### Intro:

*Many Christians are too busy standing against something to focus on what they should be standing for.*

*If you stand for nothing, you'll fall for anything.*

#### Where do we take our stand?

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Resurrection is a unique feature of Christian doctrine (Romans 6:5; 1 Corinthians 15:17, 32)

#### Why and I a Christian?

*Everything else comes into perspective when people are first introduced to, and begin believing in, Jesus.*

*Take your stand on the Gospel*

#### 1. The Gospel is good news, not good advice

Gospel = Euangelion

Mark 1:15

#### 2. The Gospel is the power of God

Romans 1:16

*Wherever and whenever the gospel is believed, the power of God is at work.*

#### Conclusion:

## Life Group Discussion

### Warm up:

1. Have you received any good advice lately? Share it with the group! How has it impacted you? What's the difference between good news and good advice?
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

### Study & Discussion:

1. If someone was to ask you, "Why are you a Christian?" what would you say?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. What stands out to you? v. 3-4 is a summary statement of the gospel (the story of what Jesus has done for us). Paul is focussing particularly on the resurrection because of some erroneous beliefs held by the Corinthian believers. He is trying to emphasize the fact the Jesus literally, physically was raised from the dead. Why is this so important to understand (see 1 Cor. 15:17,32b).
  - The gospel story is fully told in the four gospel accounts (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). And it is summarized in many verses through the New Testament. Look up the following verses and discuss what stands out to you: Mark 10:45; Romans 5:8; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:1, 32; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 2 Corinthians 8:9; 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 John 4:10
3. Since the gospel is good *news*, it must be proclaimed not just acted out. Do you find it hard to share the gospel? What has happened

when you've tried? How would you summarize the gospel in one or two sentences?

### Application:

1. Look for opportunities to share the gospel this week.

**Prayer:** Pray for boldness and opportunities to share the gospel

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