

Theme & Passage(s)	Resurrection 1 Corinthians 12
Welcome	Spend time sharing either the most surprising/unexpected situation you have ever experienced <u>or</u> the most striking transformation you have ever witnessed.
Worship	<p>Psalms and songs: <i>Glorious Day</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xODpgyqGCYM <i>The Power of the Cross</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P22lpnmgJbs <i>Thine be the Glory</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbBOOmKMLml</p> <p>Worship Ideas: Use the prayer (in the 'Extra' section) as a call to worship.</p>
Word/ Read & Reflect	<p>Begin in silence, welcoming the Holy Spirit to guide you. If you haven't already read the passage read it now and then be silent. Read again. Be silent once more, attentive to the Spirit.</p> <p>Share out of this experience...</p> <p>If time, consider some of the following questions...</p> <p>Paul tells the Corinthians in vv.2-4 that they're saved by the Gospel that Jesus died for our sins, was buried and was raised from the dead. Furthermore, v.14 & v.17 suggests that if we don't believe in the resurrection our faith is useless! As Christians we are usually fairly familiar with the concept of Christ dying for our sins but what difference does believing in Jesus' physical resurrection make to us?</p> <p>v.20 refers to Christ's resurrection as the 'firstfruits' of a great harvest. It suggests (and Paul goes on to state) that we will all later be resurrected. Read vv.35-55 for a more in depth discourse about our future resurrection. What is your reaction to this? Does it fit with your existing ideas about life after death? How might it challenge our society's/folklore/cultural view of heaven?</p> <p>Read v.58. Paul connects Christ's resurrection and our future resurrection with what we do on earth now. This suggests that the Spirit-led things that we are involved with here in our earthly lives somehow impact and/or are woven into the new heavens and new earth. Consider the activities you are involved with – you might want to try making a collective list as a group of your various areas of service and work – and speak v.58 over them.</p> <p>If you have time, read Colossians 3:1-11 and consider together what it means to live on earth as citizens of heaven.</p>
Working it out	Spend time praying for one another for anything that the discussion has prompted. Take the opportunity to pray boldly for those in your group, and those known to you, who need to see a particular transformation or breakthrough eg.

	health, finances, salvation, emotional restoration.
Extra	<p>Here is a helpful article written by N.T. Wright for Christianity Today about how the bodily resurrection is the good news of the gospel.</p> <p>http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2008/april/13.36.html?start=1</p> <p><u>Easter call to worship:</u></p> <p>Think of a moment when someone that you least expected to see suddenly stands before you.</p> <p>A moment when something you'd lost is found again and you can scarcely believe your eyes.</p> <p>Think of a moment when your fear was suddenly proved unfounded and you were surprised by joy.</p> <p>Easter morning is such a moment. We resign ourselves to the worst, and suddenly life turns around.</p> <p>So come this Easter season, to be shaken from your conviction that nothing can change your situation.</p> <p>Come if you look at the world and feel overwhelmed by its chaos, or disillusioned by its promises.</p> <p>During this season we remember how Mary went to anoint a corpse, and was greeted by a Saviour.</p> <p>Come to worship prepared to see your life and the world through new eyes.</p> <p>For Christ is risen, he is risen indeed. Hallelujah!</p>