Session 12 | **KEY TEXT:** 1 Corinthians 15

RESURRECTION LIFE

CENTRAL TRUTH

The gospel is not a myth or legend but rooted in historical fact and eyewitness testimony. Without the resurrection of Jesus believers are without hope. **The resurrection of Jesus is essential to the good news**; and because it is true, believers can live with hope.

KEY QUESTION

← **Why does Paul list eyewitnesses of the resurrected Jesus? How can this encourage us?**

The testimony of a person or multiple people was extremely important. Rather than pictures, movies, or even writing (pen and paper were not common household items). The testimony of a person or multiple people was extremely important. So, Paul's assertion that the resurrected Jesus appeared to many people, including Paul himself, was significant. The appearance of Jesus to numerous witnesses testifies to the power and truth of the gospel.

KEEP IN MIND

- Remind students that Jesus's death and resurrection are not myths or fictional stories not to be taken seriously. Rather, Jesus rose again and was seen by others. Paul wanted the original readers—and us today—that Jesus's resurrection is rooted in historical fact.
- Jesus's resurrection is not only good news for us today, but it is good news for our future as well. So often, we forget this reality! Using the Theology Note to teach students that death will one day be defeated once and for all, we will receive resurrected bodies, and enjoy eternity with the Lord.

APPLICATION

- **Is there a sin or shame in your life keeping you from sharing the Gospel with others? How can you bring it to the Lord in prayer?**

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: Jesus's resurrection is essential to the good news. Because He is risen, we have new life and can enjoy a relationship with the Lord.

FOR THE LEADER: Nobody is beyond the scope of God's grace and forgiveness. Encourage students to pray for someone in their lives who do not know the Lord, asking God that they would be receptive to the good news.

7 ARROWS

- What does this passage say?
- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?