

# Because Jesus is Real...

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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### Reflect

Outline: Recap

### Realize

Points to Ponder

### Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

## REFLECT

At Crossroads we believe that Because Jesus is real we are a family of faith, fully engaged, transforming our community and our world. But how did the modern church arrive at the conclusion that Jesus was in fact real and that he existed, furthermore, how do we know his claims are valid and what bearing does that have in how we live our lives today? As we look at the documentation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ we hope to discover for ourselves what it means for Jesus to be real.

## REALIZE

### 1. Stand on the Gospel

- **Scripture Reference:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-2
- **Leader Notes**
  - The Gospel is the fact that God saves sinners, and it is the thing that matters most.
  - We need to receive the gospel and stand on it.
- **Questions for Reflection:**
  - What does the Gospel mean to you? How would you explain it to a 5-year-old?

### 2. Explore the Prophecies

- **Scripture Reference:** 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
- **Leader Notes**
  - Paul encouraged the church to explore the prophecies of Jesus.
- **Questions for Reflection:**
  - Have you ever considered the prophetic case for the deity of Jesus? Which Old Testament prophecies do you find to be the most compelling?

### 3. Examine the Resurrection

- **Scripture Reference:** 1 Corinthians 15:5-8
- **Leader Notes**
  - The resurrection of Jesus was witnessed by many people who were persecuted by their confession.
  - If Jesus rose from the dead it means that he did what he came to do.
- **Questions for reflection:**

- As you consider the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, what strikes you as the most crucible evidence for this miraculous work of God?

#### 4. Keep and maintain a Humble Heart

- **Scripture Reference:** 1 Corinthians 15:9-11
- **Questions for reflection:**
  - Take 5 minutes to pray and be still with God. Specifically ask Him to increase your faith in the reliability of the resurrection of Jesus and second, ask Him with whom he would like you to share the Gospel?