

# ENCORE Discoveries

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1. Christ's resurrected body reveals something of the kind of bodies resurrected believers will have in heaven. Review John 20 and Luke 24, then compare and contrast characteristics of the spiritual body with the natural (v. 15:44).
2. When you examine the night sky, what do you see? God says there is a difference between the "glory" (radiance or honor) of the sun, the moon, and even the various stars (v. 39-42). How could this apply to us and the resurrection?
3. There are four characteristics of the *old sinful body*. Read verses 42-44 and list them, and give a meaning for each.
4. Now, list the four characteristics of the *new sinless body*. Read verses 42-44 and then give a meaning for each.
5. How does the truth of verses 56-58 motivate us to serve God?
6. Why should the fact of our future resurrection give us a worshipful attitude?
7. What contemporary issues could be affected by the resurrection?
8. Really think about the truth of the resurrection. Now, several class members share how these last three messages and ENCORE studies have helped you.

We worship in victory because someday we, as followers of Christ, will be physically changed into people who are fit to live in a spiritual sphere called heaven. We worship because our sin will be non-existent, our guilt and shame will be gone, our fallen humanity will be totally overthrown. We worship because the thing that made us comfortable living in a depraved world will be altered—we'll not only be comfortable living in a holy place, but modified to do so. We worship because the fact of death will give way to the reality of eternal life. And just *how* do we worship? We worship with our life, our heart, our minds, our service. We worship remembering that there *is* a purpose; our lives have meaning in Christ and someday He'll make it all worth our while.

# Theme: Worship with Endurance

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## Monday

How is your “natural” person changing? List some specific areas of growth.

## Tuesday

Are you able to “worship with endurance” more effectively since learning about the resurrection? How?

## Wednesday

Do you often neglect thinking about the resurrection because you can’t comprehend it? After studying 1 Corinthians 15, do you think God wants us to put the resurrection “on a back burner” in our mind and heart? What can you do to weave this truth into a pivotal place in your life?

## Thursday

Specifically, how can you incorporate the resurrection in your relationships and conversations with others?

## Friday

Describe what you think the Rapture will be like.

## Saturday

Write out your own prayer, thanking God for the resurrection and telling Him what it means to you.

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