5. What would you say to God if you met Him today? How would you thank Him? In the space below, write out a prayer to God in response to this passage.

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Growth Group Homework

For the Week of April 24, 2011

QUICK REVIEW

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, what challenged you the most? What questions do you have?

Let's look at Paul's "if-then" statements in a positive way: **IF** Christ was risen from the dead, **THEN** what are the implications of this?

3. In Verse 19, what is the result of our hope in Christ?

Why is Hope so important?

MY STORY

1. Do you have any Easter traditions? What are they?

2. What is the best part of Easter to you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read **1 Corinthians 15:1-11.** According to Paul, what are the facts about the Resurrection?

What about Christ is "of first importance?"

Why does Paul stress Christ's appearances?

2. Continue Reading **vs 12-19.** There are several "if-then" statements in this passage (example: vs 13-**IF** there is no resurrection of the dead, **THEN** not even Christ has been raised). Make a list of the "if-then" statements.

TAKING IT HOME

4. Read **vs 20-28**. What is the result of Christ's resurrection? How do we benefit from it?

For many of us, we have heard this story so many times, it loses some of the impact that it has on our lives. Take some time to reflect on what you have studied so far. Try imagining you were reading it for the first time. How would you react?

How can you respond?