

UPSIDE DOWN GLORY



Small Group Questions

Message: “Sown in Weakness, Raised in Power”

Speaker: Pastor Bob

Series: “Upside Down Glory”

Date: 3/1/26

Text: 1 Cor 15:35-58

Read 1 Corinthians 15:35–58 aloud together before you begin.

ICEBREAKER

1. If you could ask God one question about what heaven will be like — not about who will be there, but about what it will actually feel like to be in a resurrection body — what would you ask?

GOING DEEPER

2. Pastor Bob used the image of an acorn becoming an oak tree to describe the relationship between our earthly body and our resurrection body. In your own words, what does that analogy communicate about continuity and change? What does it NOT tell us?

3. Paul lists four contrasts in 1 Corinthians 15:42–44: perishable/imperishable, dishonor/glory, weakness/power, natural/spiritual. Which of these four resonates most with you personally, and why?

4. The sermon presented two views on disability in eternity — preserved but suffering removed, versus complete transformation as described in Isaiah 35. Where do you land, and what scripture shapes your thinking?

5. Pastor Bob argued that “**transformation is not erasure**” — that the character and identity forged through limitation goes with us into eternity, glorified. Do you find that convincing? What are the implications for how we view people with disabilities right now?

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6. The Creation-Fall-Redemption-Restoration arc was traced through the two Adams (1 Cor 15:45–49). How does seeing disability through that whole-Bible arc change the way you think about suffering and limitation in your own life?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

7. 1 Corinthians 15:58 says our "labor is not in vain." Think about someone in your life — a caregiver, a person living with disability, or someone advocating for one — whose labor often goes unseen. How might this passage speak to them? How might you carry that word to them this week?

8. Paul says the transformation of our resurrection body is done TO us, not achieved BY us (v. 52 — passive voice). In what areas of your life are you straining to achieve what God has promised to give? What would it look like to rest in that promise?

9. This was the final message in seven weeks of Upside Down Glory. What has shifted in how you see disability — in others, in yourself, in the church? What one thing do you want to carry forward from this series?

CLOSING PRAYER CHALLENGE

10. *Before you close, take a few minutes and do this together: Have each person name one person they know who is living with disability, chronic illness, or caregiving exhaustion — and pray for them by name. Ask God to let them hear the word Paul wrote: **your labor is not in vain.** Then, as a group, ask God to show you one specific, concrete step your group can take to bring the kingdom closer for someone who has been waiting outside the gates.*

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