Open It

How would you describe the grief experienced when a close friend or family member dies?

Consider It

What comparisons does Paul use to explain the resurrection body (15:36-441)? Which example is most helpful for you?

How will our new bodies differ from our earthly bodies (15:42-44)?

Who is the first Adam and the second Adam (15:45-49)? How did Adam become a living being (Genesis 2:7)? How does Jesus serve as the life-giving spirit (Romans 5:12-21)?

What do Christ-followers look forward to on the day of resurrection (15:50-54)?

How have Christ-follower's gained victory over sin and death (15:55-57)?

Paul says, Christ-followers grieve the death of loved ones, but we don't grieve as those without hope. What words of hope do you find in this passage?

How should you live in light of these truths (15:58)? What work would God have you do?

Live It

Do you know someone living in fear or anxiety over the coronavirus? What word of hope will you share with them this week?

What work of the Lord is God calling you to? How will you use your time to pray and labor for the welfare of neighbors, coworkers, family members and friends?

Would you be willing to call people to ask them how they are doing and how you could pray for them?

Broken! Made New! "Broken Bodies Made New" Sunday, April 19, 2020

Sermon Proposition

God calls you to believe all that His Word teaches concerning your earthly bodies!

Sermon Question

What does God's Word teach about my body?

God's Word Teaches that Your Body Is Made by God!

God's Word Teaches that Your Body will be Made New!

Read It

1 Corinthians 15:35–58 (NIV)

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" ³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. ³⁹ Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. ⁴⁰ There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. ⁴¹ The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. ⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man. ⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.