



**Of First Importance: Dead & Buried
(1 Corinthians 15:1-11)**

1. What would you say are the essential elements of the gospel? Why is it so important to Paul that we hold on to these things?
2. Share the moment when you understood the gospel, that 'Jesus died for our sin'. How would you explain this to someone who had no previous knowledge of Christianity?
3. How would you define 'sin'? Do you think sin is a helpful word to use today?
4. 'Christ died for our sin.' Why did Jesus have to suffer and die so we could receive forgiveness and reconciliation with God?
5. Read Isaiah 53, one of the servant songs, a prophecy of the Messiah's suffering and death. How does it speak of God's sovereign plan and how does this help to make sense of Jesus death?
6. Read Psalm 103:12 and 1 John 1:9. How does it feel to know that your sins have been forgiven, regardless of how unforgiveable they may seem to you?
7. What difference does your belief that God has forgiven your sins make to your life both on a grand scale and on a daily basis?
8. In verses 9-11, what does it mean for you to be defined by God's grace?
9. Spend some time in worship and thanks to God for all Jesus has done for us, for the 'beautiful exchange' Paul speaks of in 2 Corinthians 5:21.