

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of May 16 - May 22, 2021

The Risen Life

Acts 1:6-11: The Ascension

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

What is the first question you will ask when you get to Heaven?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MAIN POINTS

The ascension of Jesus establishes a seat of power, in order that we might fulfill our divine purpose as we prepare for His return.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read Acts 1:6.** Does the question asked by the disciples in this passage surprise you? Why or why not.
 - a. **Read Acts 1:7.** How would you describe Jesus' response in this verse? Do you see patience or frustration? Discuss your answer.
 - b. We are often anxious for Jesus to return and establish His Kingdom as well. Apply and discuss Jesus' answer to the disciples in light of our anxiety for His return. Would He say the same thing to us?
2. **Read Acts 1:8.** Compare this to the passage we read last week in Matthew 28:18-20. What do you see as the primary difference(s)?
 - a. Jesus said that the disciples would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them. **Read John 14:25-26** and discuss what power is given to the disciples through the Holy Spirit.
 - b. What power does the Holy Spirit bring to our lives in today's world?

3. **Read Acts 14:9-11.** What does Jesus' ascension mean to us, as Christians, and in what ways is it the most important event in the salvation story?
- a. Where is Jesus now? What is He doing?
 - b. "Thy departure was not a token of separation, but a pledge of return"; - O *Son of God and Son of Man*, Valley of Vision. How does this quote inspire you? What is our divine purpose as we await His return?
 - c. How do we benefit from Jesus' ascension?

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's study, what is important for you to remember and why?

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS:

Take time to pray for our pastors, our church, our city, and our country. Pray for our people who are suffering from health concerns, financial concerns, and spiritual concerns. Pray that God will do an amazing work of salvation for all the unsaved in our communities, and pray that we, as a church and individually, can be a part of it.

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