

GATHERING INSIGHTS

SERIES: **The Gospel According to Mark**

TITLE: **The Ascension**

BIG IDEA: The Ascension of Jesus triggers the next season of Jesus mission, the church's call to go and bring the Kingdom on Earth as it in heaven.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Read **Mark 16:9/Luke 24:50-53**
After 40 days Jesus ascended to the right hand of the father.

How do you see this a Bridge for what was to come next in the season of the ministry of the Gospel?

How does the concept of Jesus needing to leave so the Holy Spirit could come challenge your understanding of what it means to have God's presence in your life?

Read Acts 1:6-11

Why do you think Luke's account is more detailed in Acts than his ending in Luke's Gospel?

What instructions does he give the disciples before he goes? How do these instructions impact us today?

When the angels asked the disciples why they were standing and looking into heaven, they were essentially saying to get moving. What are you standing around waiting for instead of acting on what God has already called you to do?

Read John 16:7

The disciples struggled to believe anything could be better than having Jesus physically present with them. In what ways do we limit our understanding of the Holy Spirit's power compared to Jesus' earthly ministry?

Why was it important that Christ leave after the resurrection? Why did this action usher in?

How is the Holy Spirit currently shaping you into more and more into the image of Christ? What has been a recent challenge or correction the Holy Spirit may have given you, to reflect Jesus better?

How does the Holy Spirit impact us when it comes to being the church verses just coming to church?

How does the example of the disciples at his ascension and their actions on day of Pentecost help us see the benefit of living as a family?

If the Ascension launches us into a "Go" movement, how are you currently living as a missionary where you work, learn, live, and play—and what specific step of obedience would reflect growth in Christ in this next season?

How does the Holy Spirit coming impact your call to go to the ends of the earth and giving you purpose in sharing about Jesus?

GROWING IN CHRIST

LIVING AS A FAMILY

SHARING THE GOSPEL