

Sermon Discussion Questions

Ascended Life – Matt Slocum
21 May 2023
Sermon Text: Acts 1:6-11

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

If the crucifixion and resurrection shape our lives, what does the ascension do for believers? This week we are discussing what Jesus' ascension teaches us about living a life devoted to Christ in Matt's message, Ascended Life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week, you were encouraged to sit and be still in the Lord's presence. Were you able to do that this week?
2. What stood out in your mind from this week's message?
3. Ascension teaches us Jesus is Lord. Read Daniel 7:13-14 and Mark 14:62. Jesus sits on God's throne as fully God and fully human. What areas in your life have you tried to subject Him to your beliefs instead of subjecting your beliefs to Him?
4. Ascension teaches us about the integrated life. Are you living your life as though you are physically, emotionally, and spiritually integrated with God? What are some steps you can take to get there?
5. Ascension teaches us Jesus isn't far away. Although we aren't able to see Jesus, we can still feel His presence and hear His voice. Has there been a time in your life when you felt His presence more prominently than in other times?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What makes someone a Christian?
2. Do you think it's okay to question what you believe about God?
3. If you could sit face to face with God and ask Him one question, what would it be?

APPLICATION

This week, put into practice some of the steps you came up with to live a life wholly integrated with God.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

Youth Summer Camp, 19-24 June, Eagle Sky Camp, Piedmont, MO. Cost is \$525. See website for more details and to register.

New Wine Kids Camp at PowerPlay, 12-14 July, 10 am to 2 pm. Ages 4 through 5th grade. Cost is \$75. See website for more details and to register.

FINAL THOUGHT

Right believing leads to right thinking which leads to right living.