

Sermon Notes

1. He's Not Here!
 - a. Acts 1
 - b. Jesus died, rose from the dead, and ascended to heaven
2. Where is He Now?
 - a. At the right hand of the Father
 - b. Exalted
 - c. Sitting, walking, resting, but also working
 - d. Interceding and advocating
3. Implications of the Resurrection
 - a. It's essential to our faith - 1 Corinthians
 - b. The power of death has been broken
 - c. We will get new bodies
4. Jesus Lives to Make Intercession
 - a. Advocating when we sin
 - b. Answering Satan's accusations
5. Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit
 - a. It's better if Jesus sends the Holy Spirit
 - b. The Holy Spirit is indwelling
 - c. The next series is on the Holy Spirit
6. Jesus Will Return
 - a. He will return in the same way He left
 - b. We are faithful while we wait
 - c. We take heart at this truth
 - d. We live on mission for the Great Commission

Study Guide Questions

1. After talking about resurrection with Jesus, Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 4:18 to encourage each other with this message. What Jesus' resurrection and ascension is most encouraging to you?
2. Is it helpful or hurtful to use terminology like, "Ask Jesus to live in your heart?"
3. Jesus said it was better if He left because He would send the Holy Spirit. What do you think the disciples were thinking when he said this? What do you think: do you believe it would be better to have the Holy Spirit indwelling you or Jesus present in bodily form?
4. How does it feel knowing that Jesus is praying for you?
5. Jesus will return, but we don't know when. Would you feel good about the state of your life if he returned today?
6. Where is the Holy Spirit getting your attention?
7. What do you feel prompted by the Holy Spirit to do as you discuss Jesus' resurrection and ascension?