

Week 2 - Acts 1:6–11 — The Ascended Christ

Read the Passage: Read Acts 1:6–11 aloud together.

Jesus Has Settled Your Past

“Jesus has taken His seat because His work of redemption is complete.”

In His ascension, Jesus is not stepping away, but stepping into his throne room to take His seat. He does so because His work of Redemption is FINISHED! His finished work means your sin is dealt with, your guilt is covered, and your standing before God is secure.

Discussion Questions:

- *Where do you still feel like your past is unresolved, like you need to prove, fix, or make up for something?*
- *When you become more aware of your sin, do you tend to move toward Jesus or away from Him? Why?*
- *What would it look like this week to **realize your need** and **remember what is already true** of you in Christ?*

Jesus Has Given You Purpose for Your Present

“This is the purpose of your present life: to join in the redemptive work of Christ as those who have been reached, now reaching others!”

Jesus’ words, “you will be my witnesses,” is not primarily about the pressure to perform, but a promise that He has and will continue to build His Church. Because the gospel has reached you, and are now invited to live as part of what God is already doing.

Discussion Questions:

- *When you think about being a “witness,” do you feel more pressure or gratitude? Why?*
- *Which of these feels most natural or most challenging for you right now:*
 - **Logos** (sharing the message / your story)
 - **Ethos** (living a credible, relational life)
 - **Pathos** (having a genuine passion for Jesus)
- *What is one simple way you could step into being a witness this week in your actual relationships?*

Jesus Has Secured Your Future

“The ascension is not the end of the story, it is the guarantee that He will return.”

Jesus is reigning now and He is coming again. That means your future is secure, and your present circumstances are not the final word.

Discussion Questions:

- *What tends to shape your outlook more right now: your present circumstances or your future hope in Christ?*
- *Where do you need to “lift your eyes” and re-anchor your life in the reality that Jesus is reigning and returning?*
- *What does it look like for you, personally, to **wait on the Lord with trust** in this season?*

Gospel Reflection (3 Rs — Optional)

“Your past is forgiven. Your present has purpose. Your future is secure.”

Take a few minutes to reflect:

- **Reveal:** *Where am I struggling to trust what is already true in Christ?*
- **Repent:** *What am I holding onto (shame, control, fear) instead of surrendering?*
- **Rejoice:** *What truth about Jesus gives me hope right now and causes me to move out in mission?*

Closing Prayer and Scripture:

Leader: As we close, we want to anchor ourselves in this truth: because Jesus is risen, reigning, and seated, His benefits are not distant, they are ours right now. They move us out on mission and keep our eyes and hearts focused on the promise of His Return.

So let’s slow down and remember together what is true of us in Him, and let that lead us into worship.

Read Psalm 103:1–5:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.*