

SERMON NOTES

Jesus Ascends!
Acts 1:6-11

MAIN IDEA

As Christ returned to heaven, we have received our mission.

We live in the time between the ascension of Christ and the return of Christ.
What does that mean for our lives?

Acts 1:6- the disciples were focused on their own nation, not the global KINGDOM of God! For us today, we need to remember that the point of the gospel is beyond me and my little world. It is for the entire world.

Our faith is in God's truth...and also his timelines (1:7)

God does not work only in days, months, or years...he works in lifetimes and generations. So though we may not see the resolution for ourselves, God is at work and his plan is still active.

Don't buy into the idea that you are the savior of any person or situation in your life. That is too big a burden for you to carry- Christ has carried it for you and will faithfully do so for all time.

Our testimony is simply our eye-witness account (1:8)

Witnesses give testimony to what they have seen, heard, and experienced. We are called to share what we have witnessed with others near us and far from us.

Jesus still bears his scars for our sin and his victory (1:9)

So where is Jesus now, and what is Jesus now? God the Son was and is the Son for all eternity. The Son took on flesh at the incarnation, and at the ascension he is now ruling at the right hand of the father, with his human body and his scars of victory on his hands!

Don't miss the spiritual encounters that are all around us (1:10-11)

The Bible says that we have spiritual encounters and don't necessarily know it (Hebrews 13:2). The spiritual encounter the disciples experienced was meant to send them out and get them to work.

Where is your focus? ("Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?")

"If the devil can't deceive you, he will distract you". Is your focus on your own kingdom, or the kingdom of heaven?

Additional questions:

1. When have you trusted your timeline over God's?
2. Read Hebrews 12:2. How does this verse bring us hope?
3. What has pulled your focus away from Christ?