

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, May 12, 2024 (Ascension of Our Lord)

Acts 1:1-11

Discussion Starters

1. Who is Theophilus?
2. Why did Jesus ascend?
3. Do you think the disciples were ready to fulfill the Great Commission at this point? Why or why not?
4. How should we understand the "power" that is promised in verse 8? What does it enable the believer to do?
5. The disciples' idea of the kingdom still was different from what Jesus intended. In what ways do people today have an errant view of the kingdom?

Ephesians 1:15-23

Discussion Starters

1. What did Paul want the Ephesian believers to "know?" What does he mean by "know?"
2. How would you summarize Paul's prayer for the Ephesians?
3. How might this prayer be a model for your own prayer life? For your own walk of faith?
4. Who in your life would be the person for whom you have "not stopped giving thanks" when you pray? Why?

Luke 24:44-53

Discussion Starters

1. Notice how the disciples react when Jesus is taken away from them for the final time (v. 53). Why the difference from previous times He left them?
2. What does it mean to be a witness? How can we be a witness since we live 2000 after these things occurred?
3. Why does Jesus think it is important to connect His ministry to the Old Testament (v. 44)?
4. Using this text only, what would you say are the essential truths of the Christian faith?

WRAP UP

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?