

# Life Group Growth Guides

## For Extra Understanding:

Read Acts 2:22-36.

What do these verses teach:  
About the death of Jesus?  
About His resurrection?  
About His ascension?

Read Colossians 3:1;  
1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews  
4:14; and 1 Peter 3:22.

What do these verses teach  
about where Jesus is now?



Read Acts 1:11-12; then  
Zechariah 14:4.

Jesus left Jerusalem by going  
to heaven from which  
mountain? When He returns  
to Jerusalem, on which  
mountain will He stand?

NOTE: The picture shows this  
mountain as it looks today.

## PASSAGE FOR STUDY

Acts 1:3-12

## THIS WEEK'S TAKE HOME TRUTH

Christ arose  
from the dead  
for us, and 40  
days later He  
ascended into  
heaven for us.

“After. . . He  
was taken up,  
as they were  
watching.”

Acts 1:3, 9

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## Opener



## First Look



## Digging Deeper



## Life Change

Imagine baking a cake, bringing it to a church potluck, and realizing too late that you had forgotten to put icing on your cake. Why do you think many Christians remember Christ's death and resurrection, but then they forget about His ascension? In what ways might Christ's ascension be His "icing on the cake" for His followers?

**Ask someone to read Acts 1:3-12.** Then, discuss:

- Why did Jesus ask His followers to stay in Jerusalem?
- "John Baptized with water," but what baptism would Jesus' followers receive?
- Jesus' followers asked about the restoration of Jesus' Kingdom, and instead Jesus promised the Holy Spirit for divinely empowered, worldwide witness.
- What did the two men in white (they were angels) say to Jesus' followers after Jesus was taken up?

**Divide into two groups. First, Group #1 look up John 14:16-18, 26; 15:26 and Group #2 look up John 16:7-14.** Answer the following questions: What benefit would Jesus' followers receive after He would leave them? Why is the Holy Spirit called "the Spirit of Truth"? Hint: About Whom and what would the Spirit teach/testify?

**Second, Group #1 look up Ephesians 1:20-23 and Group #2 look up Ephesians 4:10-16.** In these passages, the Church is called the Body of Christ. Knowing this, please answer the following questions: After His ascension, what position does Jesus hold in His Body, the Church? What gifted individuals does He give to the Church? Why does He give these individuals to His Church? What is His goal for the people in His Church?

**Third, Group #1 look up John 14:1-6 and Group #2 look up Hebrews 6:19-20.** Then, answer the following questions: What is Jesus doing in heaven right now? Hint: What is He preparing for us in heaven? What kind of High Priest is He in heaven?

**Prayer Time:** Spend time in prayer for one another. Thank God for the death, resurrection, **and** ascension of Jesus. Thank God for the gift of His Spirit. Pray for our church and our witness.