



THE ASCENSION

GOAL OF GROUP

Facilitate conversations to help others live the life Jesus died and rose for them to live. Create a safe place, encourage authenticity, celebrate breakthroughs, and lead the way!

SERMON QUESTIONS:

“Before starting, let me pray for us.”

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:50-53; John 15:11

Q1 — How do you define joy? What’s the difference between earthly happiness and heavenly joy?

Q2 — What are the spiritual implications of the physical reality of the ascension?

DISCUSS: — “The ascension is not just Jesus going back to heaven. The ascension is Jesus ushering heaven in through a new humanity.”

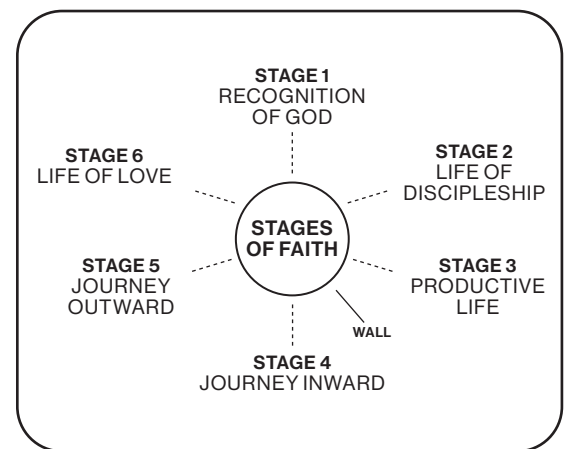
Q3 — What have you made “off limits” to Jesus?

Q4 — Who occupies the seat of your soul?

Q5 — What does it look like for Jesus to rule and reign in your life?

Q5 — (SEE STAGES OF FAITH DIAGRAM) Which stage are you at? How have you learned more about yourself and Jesus through the wall?

Q5 — The joy we want to experience is through our deepest pain. Where do you need to go?



QUOTES:

"As ascended Lord he is spreading the gospel and building up his church by working in the hearts of people while he guides all the events of history toward a glorious end."

-Tim Keller

"You ascended from before our eyes and we turned back grieving, only to find you in our hearts."

-St. Augustine

"Many of us have become extremely skillful in arranging our lives so as to admit the truth of Christianity without being embarrassed by its implications."

-A.W. Tozer