

Theme: Jesus ascended into heaven and the disciples are left standing in awe and wonder. The great news of this is that even though Jesus ascended and is now seated at the right hand of the father, he is working in and through each and every one of us to proclaim his name to everyone.

Getting Started:

- 1. Who have you had contact over this past week?
- 2. Who is someone you look forward to talking to over the next week?

In the Word: Acts 1:1-11

- 3. Who wrote the book of Acts and what Gospel was written by that same author?
- 4. Who were both books written to and what was the purpose of each book?
- 5. What are the similarities and differences between the account of the Ascension in Acts 1:1-11 and the account that is given in Luke 24:44-53?
- 6. What did Jesus tell the apostles to do in Acts 4-5? What were they going to receive?
- 7. What were the apostles expecting Jesus to do for the Kingdom of Israel?

8. How does Jesus respond to their question? What were the apostles going to receive and what was their calling?

9. What is the reassuring word that the two men in white give the apostles as they are gazing into heaven?

Putting it all together:

10. How does what the two men dressed in white said have an effect on you today?

11. What or who do you turn to during this time of quarantine for comfort and hope?

12. What are some ways in which you can share the story of Jesus in your own circumstances?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you sent forth your only Son into the world to live a perfect life. He came not to bring back the good old days but rather to impart something newer and greater. Give us strength and faith to trust in the promises that we receive through His great work done on the cross and solidified in the empty tomb. Challenge us to share this great story as the Lord Jesus is ascended and seated with you in Heaven. This we pray in His name. Amen.

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