



Sermon Study Guide for May 17th, 2026

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: We have the opportunity, and the unique opportunity to connect with people God places in our paths. The Holy Spirit is at work and our lives are life-long witnesses to the grace of God. Stop looking to the sky, and look at the people God has placed in front of you.

Getting Started: (sharing with each other)

1. Think about a time that you were completely surprised when you found out you had a connection with someone through someone else. What was the coolest connection you've ever found?
2. Who are the people that God is calling you to share Jesus with, and what are you going to do about it?

In the Word: Read Luke 24:44-53

3. Jesus opens up the scriptures to His disciples. That's an amazing thought. Do you think there were any parts of scripture that the disciples would have struggled with? What is Jesus's main focus? (look at verse 46)
4. "You are witnesses of these things." Jesus tells his disciples this. What does it mean to be a witness? And how important is it that the disciples were witnesses with their very own eyes?
5. What do the disciples do after Jesus ascends?

In the Word: Acts 1:1-11

6. The book of Acts is the continuation of the story from Luke. It can sometimes be confusing that there are two references to the Ascension. But there is nothing to make us question that in the readings. We see here the mention again of witnesses. What does Jesus point out in Acts regarding that, specifically, where they will witness?

7. What do the disciples do after Jesus ascends?

8. How is the response to Jesus ascending similar, yet different?

Putting it all Together (what do we believe or do as disciples?)

9. Jesus calls us to be witnesses. Think back to question number 2. Who are the people that you know in your life that you uniquely can share Jesus with? Think about them, write them down, and pray for them as a group.

10. Jesus' disciples did three specific things with Jesus before He ascended. Bible Study, Worship, and they were sent! How do those three things show us how we ought to live as Christians in our world today? Is there one of those you are most comfortable with? Which would you need to grow in the most?

Prayer: Thank Jesus that He is the risen, ascended, and reigning Son of God that we worship. Thank God for His Son and for the joy that He brings. Thank God for the Holy Spirit who works in and through us for the advancement of His Kingdom. Ask God to soften the hard hearts of those who don't know Jesus. Ask God to give you strength to share His Gospel message.

Next Week: Jesus Came for All

John 3:16 is probably the most familiar verse in the entire world. It's because Jesus came for the entire world. God's will is that all would be saved through His Son.