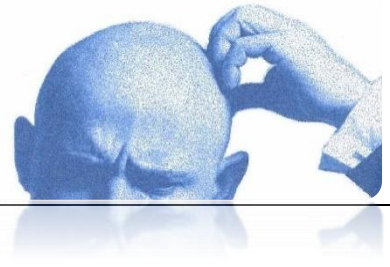


## Ascension

# Small Group Questions

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The following questions are intended to start conversations.  
Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.

Our preaching series turns toward Ascension and Pentecost. Questions will be provided each week to help you think about these stories *BEFORE* you listen to the sermon. It is our hope that this will encourage your own study and prepare you for the upcoming sermon.

- Read **Acts 1:1-10**. What stands out for you in this story? What is confusing?
- During the 40 days between his resurrection and his ascension, what did Jesus speak to the disciples about? Why does this detail matter?
- What did Jesus instruct his disciples to do? Why?
- What does it mean to be a witness? Witnesses of what? What does it look like to live as a witness today—not just in words, but in posture?
- If Jesus has all authority, why does he leave rather than stay and complete his mission? What feels unresolved or even frustrating about the ascension?
- Notice that Jesus ascended into heaven *in human form*. Why is this significant?
- What theological significance does the ascension add that would be missing without it?
- The ascension of Jesus gives us a picture of Jesus becoming king. If Jesus is presently enthroned and reigning, how should that reshape our view of cultural power, political engagement, and the success/failure of the church?
- How should we understand Christ's "absence" and "presence" after the ascension?