



Ice Breaker:

Who would you like to write a biography of your life? What would you want them to say? Why?

Repeat together: “I believe in God the Father, Almighty Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary. Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into hell: The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.”

Discussion:

So far what truths have you discussed regarding the apostles creed? Which ones stand out the most to you? Why?

Bible:

Read Acts 1:6-9, How is the kingdom that Jesus was building different than the disciples’ ideas about the kingdom? (*See verse 6*)

What impact should the following verses have on a Christian?

Verse 7 - Timing of the coming kingdom.

Verse 8 - The promise of the Holy Spirit.

Verse 9 - The promise made by the angels.

Verse 10 - The ascension of Jesus.

Discuss the 4 things that the ascension does for believers.

1. Establishes Jesus’ authority over all powers.
2. Gives access to God’s throne of mercy & grace
3. Gives us the Holy Spirit and gifts.
4. Keeps us longing for Jesus return.

Application:

Which of the 4 things about the ascension has the most meaning for you.

Memorize: He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.”

Going Deeper:

Discuss how Jesus’ ascension was different than other people who were taken into heaven.

Genesis 5:24 - Enoch

2 Kings 2:12 - Elijah

See Colossians 1:18

Some have suggested that the two angels at the ascension were really Moses and Elijah who were present at Jesus’ transfiguration. - What do you think? (*Possible, impossible, pure conjecture*)