

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **April 27, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "From Resurrection to Ascension." Please read the sermon passage (Acts 1:1-11) together out loud.

Small Group Questions (Acts 1:1-11)

Sermon Outline:

AS WE CONNECT RESURRECTION TO ASCENSION, NOTE . . .

1. **The proofs that Christ established (vv 1-4)**
 - a. "Signs" were early clues that Jesus was the Christ.
 - b. "Proofs" were later irrefutable evidence that Jesus is the Messiah. His resurrection is proof.
2. **The provision that Christ has made (vv 5-8)**
 - a. Christ has not revealed the specific timing of his return. But we know he will return.
 - b. Christ's resurrection and victory over death assures us that he will return.
3. **The promise that Christ will fulfill (vv 9-11)**
 - a. He will return bodily, in a cloud and visually--for all to see.
 - b. Jesus is preparing a real and physical eternal home for those who belong to him.
 - c. Jesus is seated in heaven, having accomplished the work God the Father set out for him to accomplish.

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: **How do the earlier signs (miracles, healings, fulfilled prophecies) connect with the later proof (resurrection) to provide excitement, passion and growing faith in your heart that Christ is the one and only Messiah?**
2. Based on #2, above: Many people want to press a "time and date." Certainly Christ could return at any moment, but **why might it be unfruitful to focus on a near "time" or "date"?**
3. Based on #2, above: We know that the time is drawing near in the sense that we are one day closer to Christ's return today than we were yesterday. **How does the nearness of Christ's return energize and motivate your prayer life and evangelistic boldness?**
4. **When was the last time you shared the message of the gospel with a friend?** Who are you currently praying for in terms of their conversion? How can we pray with you?
5. Based on #3 above: Christ will return. This truth is absolute. It's simply a matter of time before our eyes see God's faithfulness to accomplish this. **How does the reality of Christ's return impact the way you live, think, feel, forgive and pray now?** (Revelation 1:7)