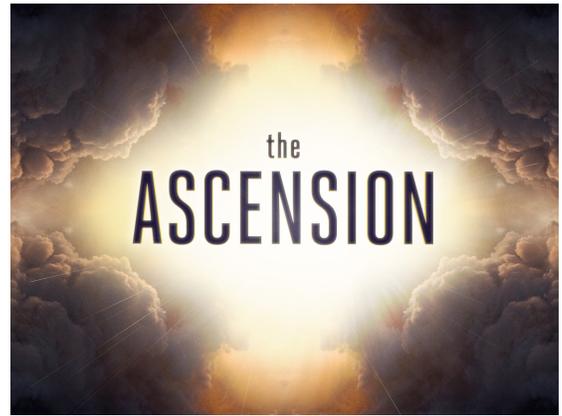


**Royal Redeemer
CGS Community Discussion Guide**

Based on the Sermon Ascension: Exit Jesus
And the sermon for May 28, 2017

(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)



- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **Connect**

- Growing up, did your family have a landline telephone? What sort of differences exist now in the world of mobile phones?

- **Grow** (read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Acts 1:1-8

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- What does baptism work in the life of the believer? (Look up Rom. 6:4)
- Why is the Holy Spirit so necessary to the work of the disciples then and the church now?
- What inspires you to be a witness for the faith that you have in your everyday life? A book? A movie? A song? A relationship?
- If you were one of the eleven disciples at the ascension, would you have reacted differently? How so?

Reflect: “Wisdom is separating the essential from the nonessential”

-Fr. Richard Rohr

- **Serve**

- Pick one area of your life (could be work, home, marriage, friendship, political, etc.) and come up with one way to be a witness just in that area.

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**