

WEEK 1- PURPOSE AND POWER

Acts 1:1-11

1. JESUS' WORK CONTINUES THROUGH THE CHURCH
2. THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH IS THE RESURRECTION
3. THE HOPE OF THE CHURCH IS THE ASCENSION

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. The most important question we have to ask about Christianity is whether or not it is true. What personal investigation/ research have you done to answer this question? Was there anything in particular that helped you determine the answer to this question?
3. Christianity is not a belief system that demands we check our intellect at the door. For example, Jesus provided "many convincing proofs" of His own resurrection so that His followers would be convinced it was real. Why do you think some people view the Christian faith as a blind faith?
4. Being a part of the church means that Jesus is continuing His work in the world through YOU. What does it look like to live this out on a daily basis? How can focusing on both the resurrection and the ascension of Jesus help us live this way?
5. The foundation of the church is the resurrection. Why is this particular, historical event so important? What are some "proofs" that have helped convince you that this event really happened?
6. The hope of the church is the ascension. The ascension points to both Jesus' sovereignty over everything and His advocacy for us. What are some ways that Jesus' sovereignty brings you hope? What are some ways that His advocacy brings you hope?
7. This week we held our first in-person meeting since March! Did you make it out to Church in the Open? If so, how was it for you? If you watched the live-stream how was that experience? (Note: Please don't feel any pressure to attend an in-person meeting before you are comfortable doing so.)