



Sermon Discussion Questions – May 12, 2024

Scripture Passages:

Luke 24:50-51 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

Hebrews 4:2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

Luke 22:31-32 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

Romans 8:34 Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God’s right hand, pleading for us.

Hebrews 4:14-16 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Ephesians 1:19-23 ...when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Philippians 2:8-10 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Discussion:

1. Pastor Scott spoke on the ascension and said the ascension is important, even if we don't understand it. Why do you think that faith in that is important?
2. Pastor Scott's first point was "The ascension gives us an advocate to the Father." What does it mean to you that you have an advocate to the Father? Why is that important?
3. Read Hebrews 4:14-15.
Pastor Scott's second point was "The ascension grants us presence with the Father." How does knowing Jesus was tempted, just as we are, yet did not sin, impact the way you stand in the presence of God?
4. Pastor Scott's last point was "The ascension reveals the power of Christ to us." If the ascension of Christ to the right hand of God signifies His ultimate power and authority, how does this knowledge influence now how you live your life?
5. What does it mean for you today to live an "ascended" life? A life that is now void of all that has held us down or kept us captive before embracing Christ's resurrection power?

Next Steps:

Pastor Scott ended his message with:

*Not only is His name above all things, at **that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth**, God's got you covered! He's right in the midst of our pain, That's why we are able to sing songs like*

What a powerful Name it is

What a powerful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful Name it is

Nothing can stand against

What a powerful Name it is

The Name of Jesus

Prayer...advocate, presence and power

What currently is keeping you from living an “ascended” life? What are we not willing to let go of? Control? Jealousy? Pride? What one thing could you release and surrender?