Jesus’ Ascension


How did Jesus guide and bless his disciples as he left the earth?

“It’s time to leave.”
**Acts 1:1-5**

1. Imagine you are one of Jesus’ followers. Fill in the blanks with something you might have said.

“When we first heard that Jesus had ____________ from the dead, it seemed unbelievable. But then for ________ days Jesus ______________ many times to various believers. We _________ him with our own eyes. He gave us __________ convincing _____________ that he was alive. Jesus also __________ many wonderful truths about God’s ______________.”

2. Jesus wanted his disciples to remain in Jerusalem. Verse 5 tells for how long and what was promised.

For how long? _____________________________
Promised? ________________________________

3. What did Jesus mean when he said they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit? (See verse 8a.)

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**KEY POINT** What promise did Jesus give his disciples?

Jesus promised to send the __________ ____________ to them.

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**Sketch the Truth** Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to us as well. Read each of the three passages below. Then complete the sentence by sketching pictures in the boxes, using the picture key at the bottom as a guide.

2 Thessalonians 2:13b,14a  1 Corinthians 12:13a  Ephesians 5:23b

The ______ works through _______ and _______ to make us members of one ______ , which is the Christian ______ .

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**Picture Key**

- **Baptism**
- **Body**
- **Church**
- **God’s Word**
- **Holy Spirit**
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Do the Math progression below to show how God’s Word can be spread from you to others.

If I tell 2 people about Jesus = 2 more people hearing God’s Word.

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Those _____ people each tell 2 people the Good News = _____ new people hearing.

Those _____ people each tell another 2 about God’s Word = _____ new people hearing.

Each of the _____ people tells 2 more about Jesus = _____ new people hearing.

And those _____ people each tell 2 people = _____ more people hearing about God’s saving Word.

Altogether _____ more people would hear God’s Word.

Spread the Word eagerly!

Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:6-12

4. Jesus promised the disciples that the power of the Holy Spirit would enable them to witness.

- The verb *witness* means “to tell about something one has seen or knows.” About what would Jesus’ disciples tell?

- The noun *witness* means “someone who saw an event.” To what areas would these witnesses go?

5. What kind of kingdom would Jesus use his disciples to expand here on earth? Put a check mark before each correct answer.

☐ a. His spiritual kingdom

☐ b. A kingdom of only Jews

☐ c. A powerful earthly kingdom

☐ d. God’s kingdom of believers

6. Jesus ascended to the “right hand of God.” That phrase pictures Jesus’ almighty power to rule over all things. Why is it comforting to know Jesus is at the right hand of God?

7. Mark each of these statements true (T) or false (F):

_____ The disciples worshiped Jesus because they believed he is true God.

_____ Jesus’ disciples stayed on the mountain for three days.

_____ Jesus’ followers were sad as they returned to Jerusalem.

_____ The disciples continued Jesus’ work by preaching about him everywhere.

**KEY POINT** What did Jesus tell his disciples to do after his ascension?

Jesus told his disciples to continue his _________.

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Do the Math

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**Aim:** How did Jesus guide and bless his disciples as he left the earth?

**Truth:** Jesus told his disciples to continue his __________ and promised to send the __________ __________ to them.

**Application:** Our ascended Lord guides and __________ us as we continue his work.

**Response:** We recognize that we are part of Christ’s __________ and eagerly __________ his work.

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**Memory Treasures**

*Matthew 28:19, 20*

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

**Hymn 173:1**

**Memory Treasures Exercises**

The Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed explains that Jesus has given us the gift of the Holy Spirit too. Circle the phrases that tell what the Holy Spirit has done, still does, and will do for __________ believers (God’s church on earth).

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Read Jesus’ words in Acts 1:8 and the Matthew 28:19, 20 memory treasure. Then with your parents finish these sentences.

As a disciple of Jesus, I am eager to tell __________

__________________________________________

Although I cannot go to foreign countries now, I can

__________________________________________

Student’s initials: _____  Parent’s initials: _____