

BEYOND SUNDAY

We Believe — 4.27.25

He Ascended into Heaven: The Coronation of King Jesus — Mark Tumney

1. Read Acts 1:6–11 aloud together.

What details in this account of Jesus' Ascension stand out to you the most? Why do you think Luke made sure to describe these moments so carefully?

2. The disciples asked Jesus if He would restore the kingdom to Israel.

In what ways are we still tempted today to look for immediate, earthly fixes rather than trust in Jesus' heavenly reign?

3. Reflect on this: Jesus didn't simply disappear—He ascended to a throne.

How does thinking of the Ascension as a coronation (rather than a departure) change how you view Jesus' role today?

4. One of the assurances from the Ascension is that we are safe because Jesus reigns.

When life feels chaotic, what helps you personally to remember that Christ is reigning over it all?

5. Jesus carried His humanity into heaven and now represents us before the Father.

How does this truth impact the way you approach prayer, your struggles, or your identity?

6. Mark spoke about our desire for immediate results and the challenge of trusting Christ's timing.

Where in your life right now are you being called to trust His patient reign rather than rush or control the outcome?

7. The sermon challenged us to submit to Christ's authority even over our political identities.

Has there been a time when your loyalty to Jesus challenged or reshaped your political or cultural assumptions? (If comfortable, share briefly.)

8. Christians are called to unity, not through agreeing on everything, but through shared submission to Christ.

How can we better show unity in our church—even when we disagree on non-essential issues?

9. Think about the early Christians who risked everything to proclaim, "Jesus is Lord."

What small (or big) steps could you take this week to live more boldly under the authority of your ascended King?

10. End your time by reflecting on this: One day, every knee will bow before Jesus.

What would it look like to live today in joyful anticipation of that coming day?

OPTIONAL CLOSING PRAYER IDEA:

Invite group members to each offer a short prayer of surrender to Jesus' kingship over one specific area of their lives—a way of practically "kneeling" before the ascended King even now.