# **September 1 Discussion Questions - Ascended**

Luke 24 - Acts 1

Truth	Application
<ol> <li>Since the Lord is Unbeatable (Matt. 28:18-19)         <ul> <li>The Resurrection proved His Identity and victory as The Son of God (Rom. 1:4)</li> <li>The Ascension showed His Glory and Authority as the reigning King (Acts 1:2,9,11; Php. 2:6-10; Eph. 2:5-6)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ul> <li>A. Trust in the Lord (Acts 1:12-14)</li> <li>Whatever is going on in your life is part of God's plan to make you a better disciple and witness. (Rom. 8:28-29)</li> <li>How is this making me more like Jesus?</li> <li>How is this better preparing me to point people to Jesus?</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>2. His Plan is Unstoppable (Acts 1:8)</li> <li>The timing and fruit are up to God (Acts 1:6-7)</li> <li>The end result is a Global church (Lk. 24:46-47)</li> </ul>	<b>B. And Work His Plan</b> (Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:18-20) - Love - Grow - Serve - Reach
<ul> <li>3. And His Grace is Irresistible (Lk. 24:47)</li> <li>The Gospel is the Best News of All Time (Eph. 2:4-6)</li> <li>To Experience the Joy of Relationship with God! (Lk. 24:51-52)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>C. By Sharing the Gospel (Acts 1:8)</li> <li>Start where you are (Acts 17:26)</li> <li>In every part of Tampa Bay and to every people group on earth!</li> </ul>

#### Connect

Review

- 1. What President, King or other leader (whether current or from the past) do you most admire? Why? (You can't use Jesus for this one!)
- 2. How was that leader like Jesus and how was he or she unlike Jesus?

### Read Luke 24:44-53 and Acts 1:1-11

### Discuss

- 3. What do you notice about how Luke concludes his gospel account and how he starts his second volume? What is similar and what is different?
- 4. Why do you think Jesus ascended into heaven? What other ways could he have returned to the Father? What does the symbolism here indicate to you?
- 5. Read Acts 1:6-7 again. How do these verses speak to you today?
- 6. Read Acts 1:8 again. How did the early church fulfill this promise? How are we seeing that fulfillment still today?

### Apply

- 7. Read Romans 8:28-30. What does this teach us about God's plan to restore all things including *your life?*
- 8. What are you longing for God to restore right now? How are you trusting Him for the times and seasons?
- 9. How does this passage encourage and challenge you in your evangelism?

## Pray

10. How can we pray for you this week?