

# CITY ALLIANCE

## CHURCH

### Summary

The sermon focuses on the Ascension of Jesus Christ, exploring its significance through three key concepts: reunion, reign, and return. Sam discusses how Jesus, after completing His earthly ministry, ascended to heaven to reunite with the Father, taking His rightful place on the throne. The sermon emphasizes that Jesus now reigns over all earthly powers, spiritual forces, natural elements, and His church, while also highlighting the promise of His eventual return.

### Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss Your Word, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to understand the significance of Christ's ascension. Help us to see how this truth impacts our daily lives and strengthens our faith. Guide our discussion and help us to be receptive to what You want to teach us today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Ice Breaker

What's the most memorable homecoming or reunion you've ever experienced?

### # Key Verses

- Acts 1:9-11
- Philippians 2:9-11
- Ephesians 1:20-23
- Colossians 1:16-17

### Questions

- How does understanding Jesus' ascension affect your view of His authority?
- What does it mean to you personally that Jesus reigns over all earthly powers?
- How does knowing Jesus is seated at the right hand of God impact your prayer life?
- In what areas of your life do you need to surrender control to Christ's reign?
- How does the promise of Christ's return influence how you live today?
- What comfort do you find in knowing Jesus is interceding for us in heaven?
- How can we live differently knowing that Jesus has authority over all spiritual powers?
- What practical difference should Christ's reign make in how we handle daily challenges?

### Life Application

This week, identify one area of your life where you've been trying to maintain control rather than submitting to Christ's reign. Make a conscious decision to surrender that area to His authority and write down specific ways you can demonstrate that surrender through your actions and decisions.

### Key Takeaways

- Jesus' ascension marks His triumphant return to glory with the Father
- Christ now reigns supreme over all earthly and spiritual powers
- Jesus is actively interceding for believers at the right hand of God
- His ascension guarantees His promised return
- As believers, we can live with confidence knowing our King reigns

### Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your triumphant ascension and current reign over all things. Help us to live in light of Your authority and kingship. Give us the courage to surrender every area of our lives to Your reign, knowing that You are worthy of all glory, honor, and praise. May we live in anticipation of Your return while faithfully serving You now. In Your mighty name we pray, Amen.