



This week at MRC we finished our brief series leading up to the ascension in Acts but focusing in on v9-11.

We began by considering that the ascension initially seems either a bit weird, or else like a tactical naivety from God, however it's actually good news!

We considered the fact that the ascension both comforts us and confronts us.

It comforts us because Jesus ascends into cloud (1) like Moses as he ascends Sinai as a priestly mediator for God's people and (2) as the kingly Son of Man from Daniel 7 returning to his Father. Our sin is covered, we are forgiven, his blood is sufficient, but also he's a king who has authority - nothing is outside his control.

It confronts us because as he leaves and is seated at the right hand of the Father, so the baton is passed to his Spirit-empowered witnesses to share the news of his victory. Even though the disciples are few in number and weak, God equipped and used them to share the gospel, plant churches and change the world. And he still is.

Here are some questions to help your group

- 1. What difference does the ascension make to your faith? What difference ought it make?**
- 2. How do we see the comfort in these verses? How does Exodus 24 and Daniel 7v13-14 feed in?**
- 3. How are we confronted? What is the role of the church now?**
- 4. What's your main take-away from these verses?**