**The Importance of Jesus’ Ascension – Leader Notes**

**HOOK**

**1. What friend do you have who you wished lived closer?**

**2. What’s your favorite Christian holiday? Why? What’s your favorite secular holiday? Why?**

**3. Why do you think Jesus’ ascension doesn’t get much attention?**

**BOOK**

**Read Luke 24:50-53**

**4. How is Jesus’ ascension a continuation of God’s heart and purpose to bless humanity?** (his death gives us forgiveness, his resurrection gives us hope, his ascension confirms His Lordship and Pentecost blesses us with His Spirit)

**5. Read Acts 1:9-11. Why were the disciples joyful even though Jesus left them?** (Because an angel promised he would come back again)

**6. Read Mark 16:19-20. What does it mean that Jesus is sitting down at God’s right hand?** (Jesus is in a position of honor and authority. It doesn’t mean that He is resting. In a courtroom analogy, the moment the judge sits down is when things start to happen).

**7. Read Romans 8:34; John 14:13,14 and Hebrews 4:15,16. What is Jesus doing right now in heaven?** (Actively interceding for us.)

**8. Read 1 Peter 3:22. Who is Jesus the king of?** (angels, authorities and powers).

**TOOK**

**9. The ascension of Jesus should prompt believers to worship Him as King. How do you like to worship Jesus?**

**10. Read Colossians 3:1,2. How does the ascension of Jesus change the way we live and think?**

**11. How does the ascension of Christ encourage missional action?**