**Learning from the Early Church**

**Church In Awe: Promise, Witness, Ascension (Acts 1:6-11)**

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**Key ideas:**

1. The disciples were not wrong to ask Jesus if he was about to set up a kingdom on earth. The Bible teaches us to hope for a kingdom that is free of war and fear, where people from across the world worship God and live in hope.
2. Jesus has ascended into heaven where he has been given an everlasting kingdom and people of all languages and nations will serve him.
3. Jesus will return. The “day of the Lord” will take the world by surprise but for Christians the return of Jesus will bring great joy. We will be reunited with believers who have died and our bodies will be changed to be like Jesus’. We will always be with Jesus.
4. God has sent his Holy Spirit on Christians and given them power to tell the world about Jesus. We have urgent work to do before Jesus returns.

**Jesus reigns today and will one day return. God will make us like him and we will be with him forever.**

**Key verses**

Acts 1:8 – “…you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses…”

Acts 1:11 – “This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**Important words and phrases**

* Ascension
* Kingdom
* Power
* Hope
* Witness
* Ploughshares
* Dominion