

From sermon on April 17th & 18th

Knowing Jesus Current Ministry

Text: 1 John 2:1-2; Hebrews 7:25; Ephesians 5: 25-27; John 14:1-3

Purpose: The ascension of Jesus wasn't a final goodbye, it was a transition from an earthly ministry to a heavenly ministry. Today, Jesus is in heaven advocating on our behalf, praying for us, preparing a place for us and building His church

Opening Question: *What do you want to do when you retire? If retired, what do you enjoy most?*

Read and Discuss: 1 John 2:1-2; Hebrews 7:25; Ephesians 5:25-27; John 14:1-3

- 1. What do you think it means that Jesus is an advocate for us in heaven? What do you think that looks like?*
- 2. Who are the people in your life today that advocate for you? Who do you advocate for?*
- 3. Hebrews 7:25 says that Jesus is interceding for us. What might Jesus be currently praying for you? What would you like Him to pray about, for you?*
- 4. How has Jesus loved the church? Since Jesus loves the church and died for her, what should our response toward any church be? How should we talk about the church? What should our desire be for any church?*
- 5. What do you believe it means that Jesus is preparing a place for you? What does that look like?*
- 6. What hope do you have knowing that Jesus is coming back? How does that motivate you today for His future return?*