

Presenter

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Liturgical Date: Year C, Easter 7, 29th May 2022 Mark Hillis

Focus Readings Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-53

Message 7 minutes 55 seconds "Looking Up?"

Discussion Starters

- 1. What part of the Bible readings or message made most sense to you?
- 2. In what ways do you celebrate the presence of Jesus in your life?
- 3. How may our church demonstrate compassion when people feel that Jesus is absent?
- 4. Who in your community encourages people to look forward with hope?

Lectionary readings for the day

Ephesians 1:15-23 Through the power of Christ the faithful believers have obtained an inheritance of salvation and redemption, sealed by the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 47 or 93

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All Age Message:

"Looking forward to it"

Length 7 minutes 30 seconds

Precis of AAM

The disciples were not looking forward to Jesus leaving them. Jesus was going away so he could be present in a new and exciting way through the Holy Spirit. Through the gifts of the Spirit, Jesus can be our helper and friend always. When the Spirit of God is among the people, they remember that Jesus is alive and that his help is as close as a friend,

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 47 or 93

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