



# Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

## May 29, 2022 Ascension Gives Our Lives 1) Meaning, 2) Mission

### *Luke 24:44-53 (NIV11)*

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

1. Bible scholars have tallied up 300, 400, even 500+ Old Testament verses that prophesy, reference, or allude to the Messiah or his reign. What does Jesus assure his disciples of as he is getting ready to leave?

2. In verse 46 and 47, Jesus boils down the whole Bible into one sentence. In what ways are all the major teachings of the Bible summarized in this one sentence.
3. "You are witnesses of these things." How is your witnessing going? Share a recent opportunity or witnessing experience.
4. In verse 49, Jesus makes the disciples a promise to send what his Father has promised. What is the connection between Ascension and next week's festival of Pentecost?
5. Jesus ascended into heaven as he continued to hold his hands up blessing his followers. Read Ephesians 1:15-23. How will these truths comfort you in a world where the next war, the next shooting, the next... is always happening?
6. Jesus gives our lives both meaning and mission. How does being about this mission in our lives also seem to bring us joy?
7. Did you have "I will" statements from Everyone Outreach? How are they going? What's the next one?