

**Week 9 Participant: The Mountains of God**

**Session 9: Week of April 12, 2026**

**The Mountain of Exaltation, Acts 1:9-12**

**Brewster Baptist Church**

**Connecting Question**

Have you ever had a moment when you realized a chapter of life had ended and something new was about to begin? What made that moment memorable?

**Acts 1:6-12**

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away.

**Questions for Discussion**

1. The disciples asked Jesus, “*Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?*” (Acts 1:6). What does this question reveal about their expectations? In what ways do we sometimes misunderstand God’s plans today?



6. The angels remind the disciples that Jesus will return. How should living between Jesus' ascension and Christ's return shape the way we live today?

### **Optional Closing Reflection for the Group**

Participants may share one place, this week, where they feel called to be a witness for Christ — through words, actions, or prayer.

### **Praying for Each Other**

Are there any joys to celebrate, any burdens we can share?

### **Closing Prayer**

Lord Jesus, we thank You that You are not only the Savior who came to us, but the King who reigns over all things. Your ascension reminds us that You are alive, victorious, and ruling with authority and grace.

Help us to live with confidence that You are at work, even when we cannot see it. Give us faith to trust Your leadership, courage to follow where You lead, and hope as we wait for Your return.

Teach us to keep our eyes on You, while also faithfully carrying out the mission You have given us. In Your name we pray, Amen.