

Ascension | Preparing, Celebrating, Discipling

I. Study it from the Scripture.

- Go to CelebrationOfGod.com and download our Ascension Bible Reading. Yes, there will be more that you can read, but God's Word should always be our first stop on the road to learning.
- Work through the passages thematically, grammatically, historically — whatever it takes to better understand what God accomplished in history the day Jesus Ascended.
- After you've worked through the Biblical data, I recommend reading trusted commentaries and finding valuable resources online.
- Now, I need to stress that the resources be *trustworthy*. There are a lot of people saying a lot of wrong things on the interweb, and we don't want to be lead astray.
- As The Celebration of God grows, you will find more and more holiday resources on our website. We want to become your one-stop-shop for all things worshipping God. We know we have a long way to go, but we are actively working to curate quality, biblical, trustworthy resources.
- Now, even if you didn't study the Ascension, even if you only read the passages, I believe born again believers will find the next step very easy . . .

II. Thank God for what the Ascension accomplished.

- The more you understand the Ascension and what God was doing through it, the more for which you'll have to praise Him, but even if you only read the passages and understand it on the most superficial level, the mere reality that Jesus bodily left this earth leading captivity captive and ascended into the Shekinah Glory is awesome enough!
- So, thank God for this important facet of His redemptive plan.
- You can also ask the Lord to help you live in the light of Christ's Kingdom. The fact that He ascended to glory and is seated at the right hand of the Father definitely has daily impact on our feelings, thoughts, words, and behavior. Then, as you study and praise God . . .

III. Talk about what you're learning with the people in your life.

- No doubt there are bunch of people in your life who didn't realize that the Ascension was such a big deal and that there was a full day set aside for celebrating God in light of it.
- Guess what! You can be used of the Lord to help them grow in their worship of God — their discipleship. And of course . . .

IV. Do something special on Ascension Day.

- Take some time to read the passages from the Ascension Bible Reading, thank the Lord for His love and power and wisdom.
- Now, I know there aren't a lot of Ascension decorations and playlists and movies and such, but that doesn't mean you can't take some of the ideas we've discussed for previous holidays and use them here.
- Bake some cookies and share them with your neighbors.
- Hand out "Happy Ascension Day" cards to your classmates.
- Teach your kids about the Ascension and set off a Chinese Lantern as a tiny object lesson.
- And definitely have a special meal in commemoration of the event!
- Whatever you do, have fun, and share your ideas with us on social media so that we can learn from your creativity.