

OPPORTUNITIES



Friday, April 28, 7-9PM
Central Campus

Women are invited to attend a night of worship and encouragement led by the women's ministries of Grace, Veritas and Parkview churches. Our desire is that we would "taste and see that the Lord is good" as we study Psalm 34 and enjoy worship together. Sign up on the Events page at parkviewchurch.org or contact Emily at emilyk@parkviewchurch.org for more information.



Tuesdays, 5:30AM, 6:30AM, or 7PM
in the Atrium

An interactive Bible study and prayer time designed to help men fight together for the life Jesus died for them to have; a life that empowers and encourages a man and the people he influences in his life. We are discussing the current sermon series, Easter: Before & After.



Sunday, April 30

Books for preschool and early elementary students will be available for purchase just outside the Chapel. With each book you purchase, you help build the library at Parkview Christian Preschool.



Sundays, beginning April 30
11AM in Room 107

If you have been attending Parkview for at least 6 months and would like to learn more about being a member, please sign up for the Membership Class! Our next class begins on Sunday, April 30, and meets for 4 weeks. Sign up on the Events page at parkviewchurch.org, or contact Kelli at kschweitzer@parkviewchurch.org for more information.



CLASS: Sunday, May 7
8:30AM in Room 108

Child Dedications will be held during the worship services on May 14. We have a class designed to prepare you for the child dedications where you'll be introduced to a community of other couples participating in the service. For more information or to register, contact Katelyn at krodman@parkviewchurch.org.



July 10-14, 5:30-8PM

Penn Meadows Park, North Liberty
High Power Soccer Camp is a week-long soccer camp for kids who have completed K-4th grade. All skill levels are welcome! Sign up on the Events page at parkviewchurch.org.

Series: *Easter: Before & After*
THE ASCENSION
Pastor Doug Schillinger
April 23, 2017

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Acts 1:9-11

I. THE TIMELINE OF THE ASCENSION

(Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:50-53)

- **40 days after the resurrection**
- **Taken up in a cloud**
- **First acts in heaven**

II. THE ASCENDED JESUS: What is Jesus doing today?

- **Prophet:** Proclaiming life-changing truth
- **Priest:** Providing access to God
- **King:** Ruling over creation

III. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION

1. **We have a powerful** _____.
2. **Jesus is continually** _____ **and** _____.
3. **Our Savior is** _____.

For Further Study

- 1) To read the accounts of Jesus' ascension, read **Acts 1:1-11** and **Luke 24:50-53**.
- 2) **Revelation 4** and **5** give us a glimpse of the ascended Jesus, on His throne, in heaven, being worshipped and praised. As you read these, notice what Jesus is being praised for, and notice who is worshipping Jesus. How do these scenes expose your worship of Jesus?
- 3) Here are some passages showing us roles that Jesus plays for us as our risen, ascended Savior.
 - **Colossians 1:15-20**
 - Read these three as a set: **Hebrews 7:25; 8:1; and 4:15-16**
 - **Romans 8:34**
- 4) One the night before His arrest, trials, and crucifixion, Jesus taught His disciples that He was going to ascend to heaven. Look at two promises He gave them that would provide hope and power for them after His departure: **John 14:1-6** and **John 16:4-15**.
- 5) One of the first martyrs of the Christian church was a follower of Jesus named Stephen. Read **Acts 7:54-60** and see how the ascended Jesus brought comfort and power to Stephen.

Discussion Questions for Community Groups

- 1) Review the various roles Jesus is playing for us today as our risen, ascended Savior. Which of these roles is especially meaningful to you this week?
- 2) How would we live differently this week if we truly believed that Jesus is our risen, ascended, prophet, priest, and king?
- 3) Read **Acts 1:1-11** and **Luke 24:50-53**. What do you learn about Jesus? What do you observe about His followers?
- 4) Circle back on **Acts 1:8**. This powerful verse was spoken to a group of Jesus' followers. It is spoken to our group as well. How does this verse inform our purpose for meeting as a group? How can we, working together, fulfill what God is calling us to do?

Missional Community Training Summer/Fall 2017

Be on the lookout for new missional tools to help Community Groups live on mission together. John McHale will begin introducing key missional ideas this summer with hopes of implementing new tools for Community Groups to use in extending the Gospel together for the good of our neighbors and the world.

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