

BIG IDEA: Going to New Places with God

SUMMARY

The Ascent series is an opportunity and an invitation to take next steps with Jesus so we can go to new places with Him. This is not as good as it gets. The best is yet to come. There is more for us, and it's time to go to a new place in Jesus. Take a next step by faith. No matter how bad or broken our lives feel, He is taking us to new heights. Have the faith to change your thinking and start moving towards Him because He has already come all the way to us.

KEY POINTS:

1. Discover Jesus

"The foundation for an ascending life starts with grace."

"This (the ascending life) is not about what I have to do for God, it's about what He has done for me."

How has the grace of Jesus changed your life?

2. Find Friendship

"God's heart has always been to be friends with us."

"I am wanted, I am accepted, and I'm secure. I can be as close to God as I want to be."

Do you see God as a distant God or a close friend? Why?

3. Make A Difference

"God doesn't need us to do His work; He wants us to come be a part of His work."

"When you realize that Jesus made a difference in your life, you want to make a difference in the lives of other people."

Who has God used to make a difference in your life?

4. Change Your World

"Hope is the by-product of going to a new place with God. And when my life is filled with hope I start believing I can change my world."

"You can't change *THE* world but you can change *YOUR* world."

"Boom! Hope Carrier!"

Which step is God asking you to take before the end of the year?

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| 1. Receive salvation and be baptized | 6. Express your worship |
| 2. Go to First Step | 7. Invite someone |
| 3. Attend freedom gathering | 8. Go to Leader Step |
| 4. Get in a group or join a team | 9. Start giving |
| 5. Go to Second Step | |

Check out valleycreek.org/getinvolved for more information about any of these steps.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Luke 11:28; Mark 4:24; Psalm 25:4; Ephesians 3:20