

### The Big Idea

To help people consider loss and endings in their lives and how these are defining moments which can either cause us to be trapped in that moment or propel us forwards to a new beginning.

### **Welcome**

Who has a tendency to lose things? What do you lose and how do others around you react when you do?

### **Word**

Explain that during this series we are looking at defining moments in the life of Jesus; defining for Him but also for others around Him and what they say to us today.

This week the theme is....'**Jesus leaves**'

The question we are considering is this;

**Does the situation define the moment or the moment, define the situation?**

Read Acts 1 v.1-11

Open up discussion about this story....

- What must it have been like for the disciples during these 40 days?
- If you were there what questions would you have asked of Jesus?
- Why is the Ascension of Jesus so important and critical to us today?
- Can you find other scriptures which speak about why it is so important to us today?
- After 40 days Jesus left them....how do you think that would that have felt for them?
- What losses and endings do we experience in life?
- In what ways do they become defining moments?
- Would anyone share their experiences of this in their own life?

Now read Acts 2 v.1-4

- What excites you about this story?
- In what ways is the coming of the Spirit a defining moment for the disciples? For us?
- Share your experiences of the Holy Spirit, what has He brought into your life?
- Spend some time praying for one another, does anyone need the supernatural intervention of God? That will define your moment!!