

## Reflection on next week's readings.

We'll use the Ascension Day readings assigned to May 13. From Acts 1: *So when they had come together, ...[Jesus said to the disciples], "...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."* When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ***They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?"***

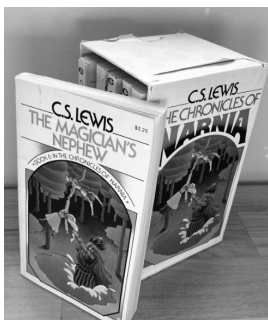


We are not "men of Galilee"; nor are we likely looking toward heaven this very moment, but next week's story of Jesus' ascension can help us consider where we are looking for Jesus and what we're expecting to see.

The text from Ephesians 1 helps unpack this idea. The letter is meant to encourage believers, reminding them how they are called alongside Christ to be leaders in the church. It also highlights these great promises:

*I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the **hope to which he has called you**, what are the **riches of his glorious inheritance** among the saints, and what is the **immeasurable greatness of his power** for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.*

Hope, riches, greatness--it's not a bad place to start!



## About that summer book club...

A volunteer co-book club leader raised her hand in willingness to help plan and organize the book club. This enthusiastic young reader and I will start brainstorming ideas about how to read, study, and enjoy the *Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis.

This all-ages book club will allow us to gather for discussion online or in-person (we'll keep an eye on Covid protocols) but will also include simply following along with a reading plan if individuals or families want to participate on their own. Stay tuned!

If you want to get started, *The Magician's Nephew* is the first in the story chronologically.