

SERMON BASED CURRICULUM

**Date & Sermon Series:**

February 6/7, 2016; Altars

Speaker:

Dr. Dick Foth

Scripture Focus: Genesis 12:1-9

Note To Leaders:

This weekend we discussed how altars are significant throughout Scripture and even in our own lives. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion in your small group. Don't feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow.

Icebreaker Suggestions: What are some memories in your life that you will never forget?

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What thoughts are still resonating with you from the sermon?
2. What was most encouraging or challenging about this weekend's message?
3. In what ways did the topic of the Altar of Covenant speak to where you are now in your life?

Specific Questions:

1. Dick Foth referred to the Altar of Covenant as a place and a promise. What themes or places are so significant in your life that you need to build an altar to remember what God has promised?
2. He also referred to an altar as something being serious and sacred, not casual or fast food worthy. When has there been a time in your life where you may have missed an altar moment? Where do you need to stop passing by the remembrances in your life and spend more time seriously waiting on something sacred?
3. Altars are where God meets you; what are you doing in your life to meet Him?
4. What are some ordinary things in your life that you could allow God to make extraordinary?
5. If you believe God wants to "do business with you," what are some structures you can

place in your daily schedule to make time for “doing business with God”?

6. Besides the altar expressed in Genesis 12, what are some of the altars we see throughout Scripture? What are some of the modern day altars we see today?

7. What are some moments (altars) you need to spend time creating? What are some altars you need to spend time remembering?

8. How important do you think it is to place remembrances and altars in our lives to reflect on who God is and what He has already done? What happens if we don't?

Challenge:

- Create/ place small altars/remembrances around your house, at your desk, etc. that will cause you to daily remember God's specific promises to you for your life.
- Ask the Lord to give you a fresh moment or altar during this Lenten season.

Read, Pray, Act:

- Follow along the NCC reading plan from this Sunday and/or follow the #NCCALTARS on social media.