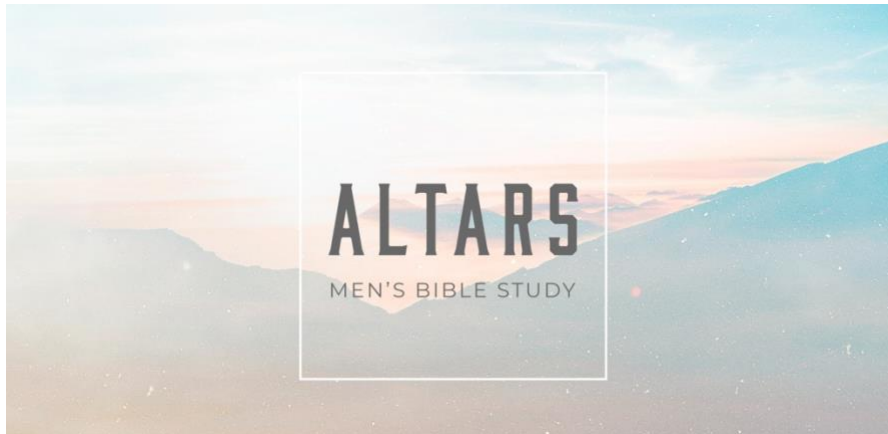


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SESSION ONE:

**“The Altar of Covenant”
Genesis 12:1-9**

SESSION ONE TEACHING NOTES

Series Introduction

- Altars mark significant _____ in our lives
- Altars are a place where we _____ with _____
- Exodus 30:1-10

Session One Introduction – “The Altar of Covenant”

- Hebrews 11:8
- Genesis 12:1-9

1. The Altar of Covenant is a _____

- The altar is not a _____ place
- The altar is a place we establish our _____

2. The Altar of Covenant is a _____

- “Covenant” = A binding mutual _____
- “Build” = _____ up

SESSION ONE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

GETTING STARTED

- What was most encouraging or challenging about this week's teaching?
- What is a significant moment, event, or memory in your life that you will never forget?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read the following passages and discuss the significance of each altar and how they are similar to and/or different from each other:

Genesis 8:20-22

Joshua 4:1-3, 19-24

1 Kings 18:30—40

Exodus 27:1-8

Exodus 30:1-10

- What places in your life are so significant that you need to “build an altar” to remember what God has done or what He has promised to you?
- The altars in the Bible were serious and sacred, not casual and common. 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 significant?
- Altars are where God meets with you. How do you create space and place in your life to meet with God?
- Describe a time when God took something very ordinary in your life and made it extraordinary?
- If you believe that God wants to “do business with you,” what structures can you place in your daily schedule to make time for “doing business with God?”

- 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 in our lives? What happens if we don't?

TAKING ACTION

- What place in your home, office, or outdoors could you “build and altar” and meet with God each morning/evening during the next seven weeks of Men's Bible Study?
- On a scale of 1-10 (1 being not at all and 10 being extremely true), how desperate are you for a fresh “altar experience” with God?

SESSION ONE GROUP PRAYER

PRAYER REQUESTS

