



Sermon Discussion Questions

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Exodus 27:1-19

Our Altar is Christ

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"God Will Get You Through the Desert"

Opening Questions

1. The pastor mentioned being "in the desert" as a central metaphor. What does being in a spiritual desert mean to you? Have you experienced seasons like this in your faith journey?
2. Of the ten things we learn from the bronze altar, which one resonated most deeply with you personally, and why?

God's Accessibility and the Gospel

1. The sermon emphasized that "God is as close as the air you breathe." How does understanding God's accessibility change the way you approach prayer or worship?
2. The bronze altar was unavoidable—right in the middle of the courtyard. In what ways is God "unavoidable" in your life right now? Where do you see evidence of His presence?

Corporate Worship and Community

1. The pastor said God loves "congregational worship." Why is gathering together as a body so important? What happens when we worship alone versus together?
2. How can being part of a church family help you "get through the desert"? Can you share a time when the church community sustained you during a difficult season?

God's Presence and Plan

1. The portable altar reminded Israel that God was with them wherever they went. Where do you most need to remember God's presence this week—at work, home, a hospital room, or somewhere else?
2. Verse 8 says the altar was built "as it has been shown to you on the mountain"—God had a specific plan. How does knowing God has a plan help you when life feels chaotic or painful?

The Sacrifice and the Cross

1. The bronze altar pointed forward to Jesus as our final sacrifice. How does understanding Christ as our altar (Hebrews 13:10) deepen your appreciation for what He accomplished on the cross?
2. The pastor mentioned five offerings—burnt, grain, peace, sin, and guilt offerings. Which of these helps you understand your relationship with God most clearly?

Personal Application

1. The sermon closed with "God saves His people." If someone asked you after this service, "How does God save?" how would you explain the gospel using what you learned today?
2. The pastor invited people to "find your place to serve" at Hickory Grove. How might serving in your church help you—and others—get through the desert seasons of life?
3. As you think about the week ahead, what is one way you can remember that God will get you through whatever desert you're facing?