

2026-10-14 Discussion Questions

Elijah rebuilt the altar of the Lord before calling down fire from heaven -- in what ways might your own spiritual altar have fallen into disrepair, and what would it look like to begin rebuilding it?

The sermon draws a distinction between worshiping God by focusing on Him versus trying to avoid sin by focusing on sin itself -- how has this difference played out practically in your own walk with God?

Romans 12 describes offering ourselves as living sacrifices as our spiritual act of worship, yet the sermon notes that the struggle is we keep crawling off the altar -- what are the specific things in your life that tend to pull you away from that place of surrender?

Jesus told the woman at the well that true worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth -- what does it look like in your daily life to move beyond going through the motions of worship into something genuine and Spirit-led?

The sermon points out that Elijah waited until the prophets of Baal had their full opportunity before he stepped forward -- what does this patience and confidence in God say about the nature of true faith, and where do you struggle to wait on God rather than act in your own strength?

Elijah's prayer before the fire fell was simple and focused not on his own reputation but on the people knowing that God is real -- how does this challenge the way you approach prayer, and what would it look like to pray with that kind of God-centered focus?

The sermon contrasts a God who was made by people with the God who made people -- in what subtle ways might modern culture, or even church culture, tempt us to reshape God into something more comfortable rather than worshiping Him as He truly is?

The sermon connects the brutality of Christ's death to the seriousness of sin, suggesting that we often underestimate what our sin actually cost -- how

does a deeper understanding of the cross change the way you approach repentance and daily surrender?

David's passionate desire to have God dwelling near him is held up as a model of what it means to have a heart after God -- what would it mean for you to genuinely want God's presence more than comfort, convenience, or even your own plans?

The sermon suggests that the church has sometimes failed to call sin what it is and that this has contributed to the erosion of moral clarity in society -- how do you think the church can hold both deep compassion for people and an unflinching honesty about the reality and consequences of sin?