



Sunday Bible Study Guide | October 12, 2025

Weekly Memory Verse

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

Sermon

The Altar Tells The Story - Pastor Jared Herd

Scriptures: Judges 6:1-6, 11-18, 24-31

Context: Like the Children of Israel, we habitually follow a cycle of Idolatry, Oppression, Crying Out and Deliverance. Rinse and Repeat. God offers a new pattern, but it requires we replace the old altars with new ones.

Mixer

1. Share about a time in your life you did something you deemed right in your own eyes and later realized it was not right in God's eyes.
2. Talk about a time when you saw revival occur in your life or someone else's life.

Questions

Observation: What does the passage say?

1. Read Judges 6:1-6. Pastor Jared entitled this section "The Crisis." What did this crisis look like?
2. Read Judges 6:11-18. Pastor Jared entitled this section "The Calling." What does this passage say about a calling in a person's life (his or her responsibility), and what does it say about God's responsibility?
3. Read Judges 6:25-31. Pastor Jared entitled this section "The Ceremony." What occurred in this passage that proved Gideon accepted his Calling?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. In Judges 6:1-6, we read that Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. How might their evil compare/equate to ours?
2. In Judges 6:11-18, Gideon reluctantly accepts God's calling on his life. What were some of his reservations and why?
3. In Judges 6:25-31, Gideon begins to follow through on his calling. Why was it important to demolish Baal's altars and tear down the Asherah poles?

Application: How can we apply these passages to our lives?

1. What are some specific evils you might consider removing from your life?
2. What do you sense God calling you to do that you are reluctant to do? Why? What step can you take to move toward what He is asking of you?
3. Pastor Jared talked about how removing something from our lives requires replacing it with something else. What do you need to remove from your life that has become your altar, and what might you replace it with?
4. What might revival look like in your life?
5. THIS WEEK: As you pray about what altar needs to be removed in your life and replaced with a new one, take one action step this week to begin removing the unfruitful altar in your life and one action step to introduce a new altar that honors God. As Pastor Jared said, "Being a Christian requires conviction and courage. It is saying, 'I am not going to go back and I am not going to change my mind, because God is not going to change His Word.'"

Go First Together

Community shapes us, forms us, and reminds us we don't follow Jesus alone. But the deeper truth is this: God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others. As a leader, you have the opportunity to go first and invite your group to be part of something bigger than themselves. Whether it's serving our city, showing up for the next generation, or stepping into a lifestyle of generosity, these are the moments that shape disciples and change lives.

Let's be the kind of church that doesn't wait to make a difference. Let's Go First together!

Your Circle Can Make An Impact!

We are hoping to have 80 cars for our Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct 25, 4-6pm. We are at 38 cars with 2 weeks to go! And we need about 15 more volunteers. We need YOU!

