

Series: Genesis of Hope

Sermon: The Altar

Speaker: Edwin Perez

Monday: Genesis 35:1-15

Tuesday: Genesis 28:10-22

Wednesday: Genesis 32:22-32

Thursday: James 4:4-10

Friday: Romans 5:1-11

Saturday: 1 Peter 2:1-10

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message.
2. How did this message strengthen and/or correct your previous ideas about hope found in the altar and the cross? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
3. Interact with this statement regarding Jacob and his geographical proximity to Bethel: "Jacob is near Bethel, but not near the God of Bethel." Have you ever been in a season where you were showing up to church, community group, or even to read your Bible, but still felt distant from God? Describe this season. How did you get through the season? How did you renew your relationship with God?
4. What idols do you need to bury? Consider idols: money, appearance, works & service, etc.
5. What are some ways you can "remember who you are" if you begin to forget. How can you regularly remind yourself of your identity in Christ?
6. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

### **Action Step**

This is a two-step challenge:

Step #1: Journal a response to these prompts:

What are you believing about God that is not true? What are you believing about yourself that is not true? Spend time in Scripture reminding yourself of the truth.

Step #2: Share your response with trusted counsel:

Meet with a friend, family member, or mentor to share your response. Share what lies you were believing, and what truths you found to combat these lies. Ask them to share their thoughts and other Scripture, and to spend time praying for you.

### **Mobilization Challenge**

Serve Day is coming up in September! Save the date and commit to serve as a group! You can find more information [HERE!](#)