

“Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life” (Proverbs 4:23 NLT)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Introduction: In this week’s message we travel with Abram on his journey from his native country of Haran down to Egypt and back again to the place where he first built an altar, a guardrail for his life.

KEY TEXT: Genesis 12:1-20; 13:1-4

NOTE: The following questions are intended to supplement our “Guardrails” sermon series and can be used for discussion in Connect Groups and/or for personal reflection as we apply Scripture, grow and mature spiritually.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What effect does Abram's choice to go to Egypt have on others? On Sarah? Pharaoh? On Pharaoh's household?
2. After making some unwise decisions, why do you think Abram (Abraham) is still considered a "man of faith"? (Reference Genesis 12:1-20 and Hebrews 11:8-10).
3. In this week’s message, we learn how prayer is an altar is a guardrail for life. What are some reasons why we all need an altar?
4. Given the importance of an altar, how does one set aside, consecrate a place for God (physically and spiritually)?
5. As you reflect on this week’s message, what one principle or insight did you find particularly helpful? How will you apply it to your life this week?

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

- To establish or re-establish your guardrails, what must you do to set aside a place in your heart exclusively for God?
- What distractions are causing you to lose your convictions “little by little, lot by lot, piece by piece”?
- What areas of your life do you need to rebuild? From today’s message, what steps will you take to rebuild?