

## Meditations for your week

What places and times most impact my spirituality? What about those places make them valuable to my spiritual life? What about those places could be found in other places as well? What about those spiritual places should I take with me to other places and times to make them more spiritual?

What are the occasions of my past where I have seen God at work? How have I marked those particular places or times so that I remember them? How can I better mark future places as being occasions where God is at work? How do those times and places add to my testimony to others?

What place has been most foundational to my spiritual life, something I can always depend on? Even if I am not able to go there much, if at all, how does its memory sustain me and cause me to go forth in strength? How can I help someone else establish a foundational place of certainty where I am?

What are the places and times that are habitual and routine to bless my weekly spiritual life? How can I better use this routine to point toward the more powerful places where I have been and where I am going? What happens if the foundational place, the routine place, or the markers along the way are missing?



Sermon Notes  
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*"Lord, I love the house where you live,  
the place where your glory dwells." —Psalm 26:8*

### **Everywhere Is Nowhere: Altars, Temples, and Synagogues**

While we know buildings are not that important,  
we should not lose a sense of sacred space.

If one place can be claimed,

then all places can be invaded.

Where is a kingdom place for you?

Altars – Markers of the journey

Temples – Foundational places of certainty

Synagogues – Regular home

Even while apart from these places and times,

their memory sustains, and hunger for them

drives us to establish more outposts.

# Group Discussion Questions

## Open

Where have been special places where you feel close to God?

## Dig and Reflect

1. Read Acts 2:42-47. What are the places that were important to the early church? Why do you think the disciples kept going to the temple? What do you think they experienced in homes that they couldn't experience in the temple, and vice versa?
2. What makes a place special? What are important places to you now and from your past that sustain and nourish your faith?
3. After the church grew, why do you think they eventually started building church buildings? What would have been the importance of a building, especially in places where the church was vulnerable? What is a balanced relationship between the church and her place of meeting, where the building/place is special but not too important?
4. How can you make a place or occasion a spiritual place? What do you need to do to claim that place as a recognized kingdom place? Where would that space be in your home, at your workplace, and in your community?
5. How can you better treat the church's assembly place as a special spiritual place? What is a better way for preparing to enter it? For being in it? And for remembering it when you have left? How have you taken your spiritual routine for granted?