

# Weekly Discussion Guide – 2-18-2024

## “Making Space to Surrender” Genesis 8:15-20

1. What have been some of the most memorable places for you? Consider a space where you were married (or proposed to), gave birth to a child, or experienced something difficult.
2. Instructions were given for God’s people to keep the sacrificial fire on the altar in the temple burning all night. What kind of spiritual parallels do you believe this points to?
3. Do you have a designated space in your home, workplace, or in nature where you pray or worship?
4. How comfortable are you praying in undesignated—and even public—spaces?
5. What stories or passages in Scripture indicate that both approaches are helpful and nourishing to our souls in different ways? (See Ezra 10:1; 1 Sam. 1:10–16; Matt. 6:5; Acts 2; 1 Cor. 14:16; 1 Thess. 5:17.)
6. Discuss sacred spaces and how they impact us. As time permits, work through the same questions as it relates to time and schedules.
7. Is there a season or event in your life which you haven’t completely surrendered to God yet? Perhaps it is painful, or alternately, an achievement which you haven’t acknowledged as a divine gift. What kind of prayer—confession, celebration, forgiveness—do you need to offer to God as an altar in retrospect? Offer it to Him that He might transform it, redeem it, and renew its significance for you.