



HOW THINGS GOT STARTED - BUILD AN ALTAR / PLANT A TREE
WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN 1924?

- ➔ In the world ➔ In America ➔ In Elk Grove ➔ In Franklin

PRINCIPLE #1: What you _____ to will
determine how _____ your life becomes.

Remember: We are all mortal! Ecclesiastes 7:2

QUESTION: WHERE DO GREAT WORKS OF GOD COME FROM?

- ➔ Example of Abraham (Genesis 12:7-8; 13:18; 21:33; 22:9)
- ➔ Example of Isaac (Genesis 26:25)
- ➔ Example of Jacob (Genesis 33:18-20)
- ➔ Challenge to all believers (Hebrews 11:13-16)

CONTRIBUTION OF FIRST _____

_____ OF _____

- ➔ Bible teachers
- ➔ First baptisms
- ➔ \$100 gift
- ➔ Construction workers
- ➔ Continued financial assistance

PRINCIPLE #2: Nobody sows seed, plants trees or builds altars

_____. Galatians 6:7-10

CONTRIBUTION OF _____

PRINCIPLE #3: Great Kingdom works begin when God puts a

_____ in someone's _____ & that person _____
to _____ something that they can't yet see.

CONTRIBUTION OF THE 52 ORIGINAL _____

- ➔ Trusted God together (based on a promise in Matthew 16:18)
- ➔ Prayed & sought God's favor together
- ➔ Borrowed money from their own estates
- ➔ Helped construct the first building
- ➔ Served & sacrificed for future generations

PRINCIPLE #4: True faith must _____ your _____
_____ on earth.

PRINCIPLE #5: Leave a _____ that will outlast
you.

Remember this: *Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously... 2 Corinthians 9:6-11*



CREEKSIDE CENTENNIAL—WEEK 1

LifeGroup Discussion Questions / Week of Feb 4-10, 2024

Prayer

Begin your time by asking someone to pray for your group. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time in conversation and community.

My Story

Option 1: If you have ever planted trees, which one grew the most? How big is that tree today?

Option 2: Think back to a simple act of faith done by someone else that has had a disproportionate impact on you? Share your stories.

Digging Deep

1) Thinking back on Sunday's message, what idea, illustration or principle spoke to you the loudest?

2) Read **Ecclesiastes 7:2**. What is it that God wants people to learn from memorial services and cemeteries?

3) Read **Genesis 12:7-8; 13:18; 21:33; 22:9; 26:25 and 33:18-20**. In light of the fact that these three generations were only guests in the land of Canaan, what would possibly motivate them to build altars, plant trees, dig wells or purchase a little property?

Digging Deeper

4) Read the following verses in Hebrews 11 and write down what these people of faith did that pleased God so much. How (or when) does true faith become the driving (defining) force in the life of a believer?

Hebrews 11:4 – Abel

Hebrews 11:5-6 – Enoch

Hebrews 11:7 – Noah

Hebrews 11:8-12 – Abraham & his family

5) Read **Hebrews 11:13-16**. How does faith in God influence people to live beyond themselves and their own lifetime? How does the one true God respond to such people of faith?

6) Read **Galatians 6:7-10**. There is a strange and wonderful tension in Scripture. We are saved by faith alone in Christ alone. Eternal life is a gift God gives to those who trust His Son Jesus (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9). On the other hand, on Judgment Day, we will all be eternally rewarded based on works and faith-sacrifices we offered during our lifetime on earth (1 Corinthians 3:8,12-15; Ephesians 6:8; Revelation 22:12). Why do you think God established this biblical tension with human beings? What does it mean that we will all reap what we sow?

7) Read **2 Corinthians 9:6-11**. These verses contain rich lessons about true biblical faith and the law of spiritual sowing. Take turns trying to explain what God is saying in these verses. Make sure you notice both the warnings, as well as the promised blessings, based on how people of faith "sow" faith sacrifices.

Taking it Home

8) Think back again on Sunday's message. What is it about the following "faith sacrifices" that fires your imagination and encourages you in your faith walk with Christ?

Contributions of the First German Baptist Church of Lodi

Contribution of Rose Lippert Frey

Contribution of the 52 original Charter Members of Creekside

9) *Stretching Exercise*: When you think of those within your current sphere of influence, identify an act of faith you can do now that could potentially have long-term positive affects for the Kingdom of God.

Praying Together

As you close in prayer today, remember to thank God for the faith sacrifices of others who have helped you in your walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. And pray for one another's needs.