

**Sermon Discussion Questions, May 15, 2011**  
*The Sermon on the Mount*  
**On Goats and Gifts, Professor Josh McNall**  
*Matthew 5:23-24*

1. What comes to mind when you hear the words, “gift” and “altar?”
  
2. What are ways we mislabel the word, “sin?” Why do you think we do that?
  
3. What did Jesus’ words in Matthew 5:23-24 mean to ordinary people who heard the Sermon on the Mount?
  
4. Why does God require a blood sacrifice? Lev. 6:1-7  
Why would it be difficult to sacrifice your own animal?  
What are reasons why Jesus would ask you to leave your gift unattended?
  
5. How does western individualism affect our relationship to God and others?
  
6. What is reconciliation? Are there any exceptions to Jesus’ teachings about reconciliation? What are ways we justify not obeying Jesus commands about reconciliation?
  
7. Who is the person that comes to mind when think of the need to be reconciled?  
When will you go to that person?