

Mountain Terrain

1. Through the varied landscapes of our spiritual journey, God is seeking to cultivate in us a deepening companionship and a maturing love. Thus he leads us through the deserts, up the mountains and into the cloud
2. **The Desert**: emptiness, dryness, and death. God leads us into the desert that we might lose *our way* in order to find *the way*
3. **The Mountains**: vertical edges, looking up, answering the call to climb, gaining new perspectives
 - a. Mountain terrain is the spirituality of desire (Psalm 42:1-2)
 - b. Mountain terrain is the spirituality of discovery (Phil. 3:12-14)
 - c. Mountain terrain is the spirituality that ascends (Rom. 8:18-21)
4. The two most powerful mountains in Scripture:
 - a. Mount Sinai (Exodus 24, 33 and 34): *mystery*
 - b. Mount Tabor (Matt. 17; Mark 9): *manifestation*
5. Clarity and mystery need each other. They continually challenge and renew one another
6. One of the vital lessons of scriptural mountains is that we must always *desire* but never *demand*
7. Head for the mountains, seek God, don't ever turn back!