COMMUNITY Groups

Malachi
When Commitments Don't Matter
Malachi 2:1-16
November 5 & 8, 2026

DISCUSSION GUIDE

CONNECT

What's one little thing that can instantly make your day better? A favorite song, a good snack, a conversation with a friend, or something else?

DISCUSS

1. Read Malachi 2:1–16. What stood out to you, challenged you or left you with questions from this passage or this weekend's message?
2. The priests were called to teach God's truth and lead people toward Him. As believers, we are also part of a "priesthood of believers" and have a responsibility to point others to God. What does that responsibility look like in our everyday lives, and what are some ways we can either help or hinder others in their pursuit of God?
3. Malachi 2:10–16 connects faithfulness to God with faithfulness in our relationships. What does it look like to honor our commitments to one another as an expression of our relationship with God?
4. God's strong warnings to the priests in Malachi 2 were ultimately motivated by a desire to restore their covenant relationship with Him, not simply to punish. How does understanding God's correction as an expression of love rather than rejection change the way you respond to His conviction?
5. *Covenant-breaking people are loved by a covenant-keeping God*. How does reflecting on God's unwavering faithfulness to His promises challenge you to be more faithful in your own life? What is one area God is inviting you to take a step toward greater faithfulness?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever experienced disappointment with the church or other Christians? How can we distinguish between the failures of God's people and the faithfulness of God Himself?
2. Why do you think God takes the responsibilities of spiritual leaders so seriously? How can the influence of spiritual leaders affect the faith of those they lead?
3. John described prophetic literature as being like a political cartoon rather than a newspaper. How does understanding the style and purpose of prophetic writing change the way you read books like Malachi? Does it make the Bible feel more or less accessible to you?