

Malachi Week 4

Marital Fidelity

Memory Verse:

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2) REVIEW THE MISSION

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

Who are you going to see around Thanksgiving that does not know Jesus? Pray for them as a group and for you to have an opportunity to share Jesus with them?

3) DISCUSS AND ENGAGE

Since we follow Jesus we seek to apply the Gospel continually to all of life. God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25).

Have you ever had anyone give you unsolicited relationship advice (dating or married)? How did that go? Did you appreciate it?

Read Malachi 2:10-16

God criticizes the marital relationships of his people. What does he call out in Malachi 2:11-12? Why does he call this out?

What does the Bible teach on marrying someone who is not a Christian? Why does God care about this? What does God have to say to those who are currently married to an unbeliever?

What does God call out in Malachi 2:13-16? Why?

What does the Bible teach on divorce? Why does God want his people to stay married and not get divorced?

What do you think it means to "guard yourselves in your spirit" means? How do you think we can practice this command to guard ourselves and be faithful with these teachings?