



Gospel Community Study Questions

Malachi | Faithful marriage

Key Passages: *Malachi 2:10-16*

Big Idea: *Christ is the faithful husband who never casts us aside*

Read

Read Malachi 2:10-16; Deuteronomy 7:1-6

Background

Malachi is a prophetic word from God to his people who've returned from exile to Jerusalem around 430BC. The temple and city walls have been rebuilt and there is a lot of religious freedom under Persian rule, but God's people still find themselves living in the midst of a pagan culture, opposed to God, and they're struggling to remain faithful to God.

Discuss

Through the book of Malachi, God takes issue with his people over six different areas of unfaithfulness. In this passage (v11, v14) he highlights their marriages - a consistent focus of God's concern through the bible. Why do you think God cares so much about marriage?

How do you view the role and importance of christian marriage in our society today and where do you see it being vulnerable to attack?

Looking at the passage in Deuteronomy, why does God warn his people not to marry those outside of his covenant people and how might this Law be applied in the church today?

Human marriage is always intended to lift us to see our spiritual union with Christ. How does the passage in Malachi help us understand what faithfulness to God looks like and where we should be watchful in our lives?

What practical application can you draw from this part of Malachi for your own relationship with the Lord?

Pray

Take some time to pray for the marriages at Liberti and pray for each other that we would see, remove and repent of the idols in our own hearts

Coming Up

Next week we're looking at the God of Justice in Malachi 2:17-3:5