

life groups

NorthStar Church

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Malachi 1-4
Pastor Scott Cagle

Main Idea:

What to do when you are weary. There are many things that cause us to drift away from a close walk and relationship with God. God is always waiting for us to return to Him.

Introduction:

Think about your best friend in elementary school. What attracted you to this person? Do you still have any level of relationship? If not, how did you drift apart?

Pastor Scott's message centered on three ways that the people of God drifted from Him and then what we can do to return to Him.

Understanding:

Discuss the following points from the sermon in your group.

How did the people get back to a point of unfaithfulness to God? It is a slow fade. Are we there as a country, as a city, as individuals?

1. They began to doubt God's love. 1:2
2. They began to despise God's name. 1:6-8, 2:1-2
3. They began to break God's covenants. 2:13-15, 2:17, 3:8-12, 3:13-15

Read each of these passages and unpack Pastor Scott's truths about rebelling against God.

Application:

Now, what do we do? How do we return to Him?

1. Remember who He is. 3:16a

What are some of the ATTRIBUTES of GOD? Which of these attributes have you not thought about in quite a while? How does this effect your FAITH walk? Example – When we remember that God is “all knowing” or omnipotent then we realize every detail of our lives including the hard circumstances are on the mind and heart of the Heavenly Father.

2. Remember who you are. 3:17

Who were you before coming to faith in Christ? Who are you as a “new person” with Christ living in you? What does ch. 3 vs 17 say about our identity?

3. Remember His promises. 3:16, 3:18, 4:1-3, 5

And we must remember that it is not about getting it all in the here and now. What do you need to remember today?

Prayer Time –

Pray for our church's leadership. Malachi had a great deal to say about the integrity and importance of spiritual leaders.

Pray for God to reveal any area of your life that needs to be surrendered to God in a fresh way. Then call out to the Father that you are surrendering every area of your life.

Pray for your life and your LifeGroup to make GOD famous by the way you live for Jesus. God said over and over in Malachi that HIS glory would be made known among the nations.