

1. Opening

Purpose for Digs and Prayer (1 min) Digs gather to study, pray, and apply the Word of God to our lives. Our hope is that we would increase in our love for God, love for one another, and tell others about Him (Matt 22:37-40; Matt 28:19- 20).

Weekly Christian Formation (5 min)
Question 16* What is sin?

Answer: Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

Scripture Reference: 1 John 3:4

What does this mean? How does it impact our lives?

Recap (5 min)
Recap the last time your Dig Group gathered. How did you apply God's Word over the last week(s)?

2. Bible Study October 4th (30-45 minutes)

***Read the passage aloud together.**
***Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage.**

Scripture Reference: Malachi 1:6-14

1. Recap the primary message of love in 1:2-5, given as a foundation for the future messages in Malachi.

2. Malachi 1:6-14 is about honor. What are some of the ways we show honor in our culture? What does dishonor look like in our culture?

3. How has Israel not honored God in this passage?

4. How does Israel respond to God's claim that they have not honored Him?

5. Why do you think they responded this way? Have there been times when you have responded like the Israelites?

6. As Christians, what do you think we can do to help prevent our own spiritual blindness?

7. What do we learn about how to truly honor God in this passage?

8. Are there areas of your life where you are offering polluted sacrifices to God? How can you repent?

9. How does this passage point us to our need for Christ?

3. Confession and Prayer (30-45 minutes)

*Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.

*Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people. Pray that you would make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

**Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism