

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 17* What is idolatry?

Answer: Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.

Scripture Reference: Romans 1:21 and 25

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 November 15th (30-45 minutes)

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

Scripture Reference: Malachi 2:1–9

1. Recap God's covenant of love in Malachi 1:2. How do the Israelites respond to God's love in 1:6-14? As God addresses their dishonor, how do they respond? (1:6, 7)

2. In Malachi 2, God further addresses the command to honor Him with the priests. Looking at 2:2-3, what will happen if the priests do not honor God?

3. Why does God say He will "spread dung on their faces"? How does this help us to understand the weightiness of sin?

4. Looking at 2:4-7, what is a priest supposed to do and be like? In 2:8-9, what is a priest not supposed to do?

5. In light of the New Testament, how does God's covenant with Levi stand (v.4)?

6. Since we have been made into a "royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9) through Jesus' purification of us, how do verses 4-9 help us to know what our role is as priests of Jesus today?

7. In what ways can you better honor God with your life and worship?

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