

Connect Group Guide: “Our Father Hears & Listens”



Passages: Malachi 3:13-18

Sermon Link: [▶ Our Father Hears & Listens](#)

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- Have you ever tried praying on your knees? If so, how did you find it?
- Have you ever been tempted to skip over difficult-to-read Bible passages? Why do you think this is the case?
- What does it mean to walk in full humility before God in reverence?

Worship:

(May choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

- Link: [▶ Michael W. Smith - Above All \(Live\)](#)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- Why do you think honour and respect are of such great importance to God?
- Have you ever thought: “What’s in it for me to serve God”?

Read: Malachi 3:13-18

- What stood out to you from reading this passage?
- God accuses those who accuse Him. Have you ever felt like God came to address something deeply personal in your heart? How was that experience?
- Have you ever felt unfairly rewarded compared to those around you? Perhaps even compared to non-believers? How does this passage speak to this issue?
- Is it a desire of your heart to be so deeply known by God that He writes down your name in remembrance of the way you served Him?
- The sermon ended with an image of “Speak From Your Knees”. How does this apply to your Christian journey at the moment?

Read: Hebrews 5:7

- Jesus was heard before his Father because of his reverent submission. What does this mean?

Read: Romans 8:15

- By the work of Jesus through the Holy Spirit we get to cry “Abba Father”, we get to call out to God our Father, the perfect judge, yet perfectly love...
- Share with the group how this image of viewing God as a loving and just Father impacts your faith.

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- What would it mean for you to (Spiritually) speak from your knees this week?
- We get to speak boldly because of the Holy Spirit inside of us, yet we are called to remain humble before the Lord. How can we remain in a position of speaking from our knees?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

- Pray for areas of life that require realignment in honouring God, but to remain bold in speaking because of the Holy Spirit.

