

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe what the best marriage you know of looks like? Why do so many marriages in our world today end in divorce?
2. Read Malachi 2:10-12. How were the people of Judah “unfaithful” according to God?
3. What would the consequence be, according to verse 4, for someone who married a woman outside the faith?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14. What is the big deal about marrying someone outside the Christian faith?
5. Read Malachi 2:13-16. Why were the people of Judah crying out to God?
6. Why would God not respond to their offerings, worship or prayer positively? How do these verses apply to us?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 7:10-11. What does the Lord communicate here about his desire for marriage? How do these verses parallel God’s words through Malachi?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 7:15-16. In light of these verses, and Malachi 2:15, how does God want to use a husband and wife in marriage? How can focusing upon how God wants to use you versus how will you benefit from a relationship help you to make an impact in the lives of others for the Lord?
9. How does the approach to marriage in Malachi’s time mirror the approach our world takes to marriage today?
10. Define “hypocrite” in your own words. In Malachi’s day, men came to worship the Lord, but were not living in line with God’s plan. How have you been a “hypocrite?”
11. Our commitment in relationships is to reflect God’s commitment to us. How can you reflect God’s heart when it comes to the priority of marriage and the value of relationships?
12. What do you want your relationships to look like (spouse, parent, child, grandchild, church member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc.)? What needs to change in your life in order to glorify God in your relationships?



Hypocritical Worship

Malachi 2:10-16

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