



Sermon-Based GC Discussion Questions

10/18/2026

Title of Sermon: How Are We Faithless?

Main Point of Sermon: God will not accept outward worship that is contradicted by ongoing, unrepentant disobedience. Because He is faithful to His covenant, He calls His people to repent of faithlessness toward one another, in marriage, and in the home.

Launching Question:

- Why is it sometimes easier to focus on our religious activity—church attendance, prayer, worship, serving—than to examine how faithfully we are actually living throughout the week?

Primary Scripture: Malachi 2:10–16

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Malachi 2:10. Why does Malachi remind the people that they have “one Father” and “one God” before confronting their faithlessness toward one another? What should our shared identity as God’s family change about the way Christians treat one another?
2. Read Malachi 2:11 and Deuteronomy 7:3–4. Why was Israel forbidden from marrying those who worshiped foreign gods? Why is the issue here about worship and idolatry rather than race or ethnicity? What does 1 Corinthians 7:39 mean when it says Christians should marry “only in the Lord”?
3. The sermon said, “Who you marry is a matter of worship.” Why does the person we marry have such a profound influence on our relationship with God, our priorities, our family, and the direction of our lives?
4. Read Malachi 2:14–16. What words and phrases show how seriously God views marriage? What does it mean that the wife is called “your companion and your wife by covenant” and that the Lord Himself was a witness to the marriage?
5. Read Malachi 2:15. Why does Malachi bring “godly offspring” into a discussion about marital faithfulness? In what ways can the faithfulness—or faithlessness—of one generation shape the spiritual environment inherited by the next?

Application Questions

6. The sermon said, “God will not accept what you do in His house while you are ignoring what you do in your own house.” Where are Christians most tempted to separate their public worship from their private obedience? Are there areas of your own life where those two can become disconnected?
7. Malachi repeatedly uses the word “faithless.” Think about your relationships in the church, your marriage or dating relationships, and your home. Where might God be calling you to greater faithfulness right now?



8. The sermon said, "The faithlessness we excuse in one generation becomes the burden the next generation has to carry." What patterns, priorities, habits, or compromises do you want to make sure you are not passing on to the next generation? What would faithfulness look like instead?
9. Read Matthew 5:23–24. Jesus tells someone bringing an offering to stop and pursue reconciliation first. Is there a relationship in your life where you need to pursue peace, ask forgiveness, confess bitterness, or take a concrete step toward reconciliation?
10. The sermon concluded, "We are faithless, but He is faithful." How does Christ's faithfulness toward His people give us both the security to confess our sin honestly and the motivation to repent and pursue faithfulness?

Prayer Points:

- Faithfulness in Relationships — Ask God to reveal any bitterness, unresolved conflict, selfishness, or relational faithlessness and give you grace to pursue peace and reconciliation.
- Faithfulness in Our Homes — Pray for marriages, singles preparing for marriage, struggling marriages, children, and spiritually divided homes. Ask God to make our homes places where Christ is honored and faith is passed to the next generation.