CORNERSTONE CHURCH

Sermon-Based GC Discussion Questions

11/8/2026

Title of Sermon: What Does it Profit to Serve God?

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Main Point of Sermon: Faithfulness to God is never in vain. Though the wicked may prosper and God's people may suffer, the Lord hears, remembers, and treasures those who fear Him. God never promises an easier life, but He promises us Himself—and He is enough.

Launching Question:

- Have you ever felt like life was unfair, even when you were trying to do everything right? How do you make sense of these doubts and questions biblically?

Primary Scripture: Malachi 3:13-18

Discussion Questions:

1. **In verses 13–15, the Israelites were questioning whether serving God was worth it.** What was causing them to feel this way? How do Christians sometimes wrestle with those same feelings today?

2. **The sermon distinguished between lamenting to God and complaining about God.** What's the difference? Why is it important that we learn to bring our frustrations and disappointments *to* God rather than turn *against* Him?

3. **The Israelites were measuring God's goodness by their circumstances.** Why is that such a dangerous way to evaluate God's faithfulness? What does Scripture teach us to look at instead?

4. **In verse 16, those who feared the Lord spoke with one another.** How was their response different from those who complained against God? What does this teach us about the importance of Christian community during difficult seasons?

5. **God promises to hear, remember, and spare those who belong to Him (vv. 16–18).** How does Romans 8:32 help us understand how sinners can be spared? Why is belonging to God a greater blessing than anything this world can offer?

Application Questions

6. **Think about your current circumstances.** Is there an area of your life where you've struggled to believe God is good because things haven't gone the way you hoped? How has that affected your relationship with Him?

7. **It's easy to say that God is worthy of our obedience until obedience becomes costly.** Where are you most tempted to compromise, disobey, or do things your own way because following God doesn't seem worth the sacrifice?

8. **Comparison can quietly rob us of joy and contentment.** Have you found yourself looking at someone else's success, finances, marriage, family, or circumstances and wondered why God hasn't blessed you similarly? What does that reveal about what your heart is treasuring?

9. **The people who feared the Lord encouraged one another to remain faithful.** When you're discouraged, frustrated, or struggling with sin, do you tend to withdraw, complain, or turn toward godly community? How could this Gospel Community better help one another remain faithful to Christ?

10. **The sermon concluded that God doesn't promise us an easier life, but He promises us Himself.** If God never changed your current circumstances, would He still be enough for you? What would it practically look like this week to live as though having Christ is your greatest treasure?

Prayer Points:

- Spend time praying for one another, particularly for those experiencing suffering, disappointment, or discouragement.
- City Serve Sunday in 2 weeks
- Advent season approaching!