

MALACHI 3:6-18

PRONE TO WANDER

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

BIG IDEA

We are prone to wander, but God is faithful to pursue.

WE ARE PRONE TO WANDER, BUT GOD IS UNCHANGING (v. 6-7)

- When we are far from God it's not because God has changed, it's because we have.
- Why is it comforting to know God doesn't change even though we do?
- In what ways are our hearts tempted to run away from God today?
- What are some red flags that reveal we've wandered spiritually? How have you experienced God pursue you when you're drifting?
- Fill in the blank: "Lord, I tend to wander when _____."

WE ARE PRONE TO WANDER WITH OUR RESOURCES (v. 8-12)

- One of the evidences of Israel's wandering was they closed their hands and robbed God. Open hands show a heart that is tethered to Christ.
- Why do finances reveal so much about the condition of our heart?
- Which is more tempting for you, to hold tightly or to spend selfishly?
- Where might God be asking you to trust Him with your resources right now?

WE ARE PRONE TO WANDER IN OUR ATTITUDE (v. 13-18)

- Israel complained, "it's pointless to serve God!". When life seems unfair, our hearts quickly drift into frustration, jealousy, and entitlement.
- Why do we tend to assume God is good to everyone else but slow to be good to us?
- Has entitlement or comparison ever pulled your heart away from gratitude?
- What role does remembering God's faithfulness play in keeping us from wandering?
- Write down 3 ways God has been faithful in 2025.