

10. A common theme throughout the Minor Prophets is that God's name will be made great, or feared, among the nations. What does that mean? What is our role in making His name great?

11. We are all accountable to God. How are you accountable to your fellow believers? Share with the group a New Testament passage that addresses the topic of accountability.



12. In one word, summarize the teaching of Malachi. How does this make you feel as a Christ-follower?

13. How does it make you feel to know that in the midst of the insanity and sinfulness in the world, God stands faithful and just?



14. God demands faithfulness to Him in every aspect of your life. What can you do to make sure you live up to your responsibility in this area?

15. What practical application from Pastor Brian's message stood out to you the most? What will you do in response?

# MINOR PROPHETS, MAJOR TRUTH

MALACHI

Pastor Brian Williams

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## Division of Malachi:

- I. A Dialogue about \_\_\_\_\_ (1:2-5)
- II. A Dialogue about Honor (1:6-2:9))
- III. A Dialogue about \_\_\_\_\_ (2:10-16))
- IV. A Dialogue about Fairness (2:17-3:5)
- V. A Dialogue about \_\_\_\_\_ (3:6-12)
- VI. A Dialogue about Hope (3:13-4:3)
- VII. God's Final Word (4:4-6)

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. Myth #1 - Generational discipleship is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Myth #2 - My \_\_\_\_\_ activity should count for something.
3. Myth #3 - Second best is \_\_\_\_\_
4. Myth #4 - What I do in my \_\_\_\_\_ life is no one else's \_\_\_\_\_.

## QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH

1. Was there a time in your life when someone thought they were doing you a favor by giving you something you could not use? How did you respond?

2. What chore or task do you do at work or home to which you give your best effort and full attention? What is a chore or task where you tend to cut corners?

5. The Jewish men in Malachi's day were divorcing their older Jewish wives for younger foreign wives. Today, marriage is viewed as disposable by both men and women. Why is this the case, and what can you do to make sure you remain faithful in your marriage (or future marriage if you are not married)?

6. God's justice demands that He punish evil and discipline His people. Why do Christians sometimes get upset with God when He disciplines them yet does not currently appear to be judging evil? How do you typically respond to God's discipline?



### BIG IDEA OF SUNDAY'S SERMON

*Against the backdrop of mankind's folly and sinfulness stands God who is Faithful and Just!*



### HEAD

*Read Malachi 1-4*

3. From the text itself, what did you hear/learn that you did not know before this weekend?

4. Regarding God's love, Pastor Brian said of many people today, "They look beyond a thousand blessings to see one difficulty, and on the basis of that they doubt the love of God." Why might you have a tendency to do this? How can you overcome this attitude?

7. Why is it difficult to trust God enough to give a tithe? What are some New Testament passages that instruct Christians about the heart's attitude towards giving?

8. The Jews in the book of Malachi apparently did not receive the proper instruction of the Law from their fathers. What are the implications for you today? What can you do to pass on truth to the next generation?

9. Pastor Brian said, "They were performing their religious duties and thought that God owed them for their obedience, even though their worship was halfhearted and hypocritical." Is there an element of this attitude in the church at large today? What can be done to correct this problem personally? Corporately?