

“Malachi: Broken Commitments”

Malachi 2:10-16

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**WE ARE CALLED TO BE A PEOPLE WHO ACT FAITHFULLY
IN ALL OF OUR COVENANTS.**

1) BE FAITHFUL TO ONE ANOTHER (V. 10)

2) BE FAITH-FILLED IN MARRIAGE (V. 11-15)

3) BE FAITHFUL IN MARRIAGE (V. 16)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Malachi 2:17-3:5

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: What are some habits you inherited from your parents? What habits would you like to hand down to your kids?

- 1) What positive qualities should mark the family of God, the church?
- 2) What can we know about us and God through the fact that He is our creator?
- 3) Apart from in marriage, what does it mean for the people of God to be unfaithful to one another?
- 4) How did the Israelites' infidelity to God's covenant affect their relationships?
- 5) How did their infidelity affect their worship?
- 6) Can someone be sorrowful and yet unrepentant?
- 7) How could this breaking faith affect the nation as a whole?
- 8) Why were people divorcing their spouses in this passage?
- 9) In what ways is marrying idol worshippers breaking faith? (See Exodus 34:12-16, Numbers 25:1-3, Deuteronomy 7:3-4, 1 Kings 11:1-13, in the light of 2 Corinthians 6:14-16)
- 10) What reasons does God give in this passage as to why He hates divorce? Why is it so destructive?
- 11) How can you guard against unfaithfulness in your marriage (or future marriage) and relationship with God?
- 12) How can we find healing for broken covenants? (Matthew 5:14-15, Ephesians 4:31-32, 1 John 1:9)
- 13) How can we pray for you today?