

Marriage & Divorce
Malachi 2:10-16
Sermon Discussion Questions
July 19, 2020

1. This week's message centers around the subjects of marriage and divorce. Was this a difficult set of topics for you to hear about? Was there anything from the message that was new/surprising to you? Were your own thoughts and feelings on the subject challenged in any way? If you're single, how did this message resonate with you?
2. One of the central problems found with Israel in today's sermon is that they were unfaithful to others and to God. One example of this was in Malachi 2:11 where believers chose to marry unbelievers. This is also reemphasized in 2 Corinthians 6:14 (**please read as a group**). Using 2 Corinthians 6:14 as a guide, what are some traits associated with marrying someone who's an unbeliever? What are some traits associated with marrying a believer?
3. As a group, **read Malachi 2:13-16**. Talk with your group about the correlation of the marriage relationship and the relationship we have with God. What are some things that can make a marriage relationship and our relationship with God faulty?
4. Pastor Tom mentioned four principles to protect marriages: 1. Look at your wife/husband as the spouse of your youth (vs. 14 & 15). 2. Treat your spouse as your partner (vs. 14). 3. Recognize your wife/husband is the spouse of your marriage covenant (vs. 14). 4. Remember the call to produce godly offspring (vs. 15). Which of these four principles was most surprising to you? If you are married, which of the principles was a reminder for you? Are there any that are more difficult to live out than the others?
5. Today's main point was what you do when you choose to marry someone and what you do when you choose to stay married to someone reveals the kind of attitude you have toward God. Your faithfulness in your marriage reveals whether you truly believe that God is great and that he loves you. Spend time praying for marriages that they would be God-honoring and faithful to Him. Spend time praying for one another that God would grant courage to walk alongside couples who may be struggling in their marriage and relationship with God.