



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Malachi: WEEK 3
October 8-11, 2020

ONE Legacy Event

Through our journey on the ONE Initiative we continue to ask ourselves, "Is He the ONE thing that drives everything in our lives?" One way to do that is to think about our future and our legacy. Join us for a free event where we are bringing in experts, from Financial Planning Ministry (FPM) to talk about the benefits of creating a will and trust as well as estate planning. You will have the opportunity to meet with their team 1:1 and create a will and living trust at no cost to you.

October 24 | 10am in person at our San Pablo campus (lunch and childcare provided) or through a live webinar. Visit coe22.com/ONE for more information and to register.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Share Your Faith | Friday October 16 from 6-9PM | Online Event

An interactive workshop where we'll learn how to share our faith with others. We'll discuss how to identify our testimonies, clearly present the gospel and other ways to intentionally live out the Great Commission as taught in Matthew 28. Learn more and register at coe22.com/events.

Women's Encounter | November 13 and 14 | Mandarin Campus

This year we will be talking about how our hope and healing are found in Jesus alone. There will be a time of teaching, breakout sessions, small group environments and a time of prayer and anointing. Learn more and register at coe22.com/encounter.

MEMORY VERSE: But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.— Romans 5:8

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:

Sunday – Malachi 2:1-9

Monday – Revelation 2:1-8

Tuesday – Hebrews 2

Wednesday – James 1:19-27

Thursday – Philippians 3

Friday – Hebrews 6

Saturday – Galatians 6:1-10

Sent Focus - Week 41: Please pray for Pastor Wesley in South Africa as his church continues to navigate online ministry. Let's join together in lifting up the neighborhood and community groups in Cape Town who are continuing to navigate the challenges of the corona virus in a ministry context.
Church Planter – Wesley Marshal – Hope City Presbyterien – Cape Town, South Africa

CONNECT AND CHECK-IN:

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE: (Use as needed for your group this week)

- What is your favorite lesson learned from Malachi so far?
- What was one way you made Jesus the ONE thing driving everything last week?

Malachi - WEEK 3: Drifted

The Point: If you have drifted, REPENT and make Jesus the ONE THING THAT DRIVES EVERYTHING.

SERMON TEXTS: Malachi 2:1-9, Revelation 2:1-5, Acts 19:17-29

Discussion Questions

(The goal is to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other. It is ok if you don't cover every question).

DISCOVER

Have someone read Malachi 2:1-3 out loud.

1. In these verses, God tells us how He feels about being dishonored. What are some of the ways that we dishonor God? *(When we ignore God or His Word, when we treat worship casually or when we treat sin as if it's "no big deal").*

Now, have someone read Malachi 2:4-6 out loud.

2. God reminds His people of their original priest Levi, who "stood in awe of My name." What are some of the ways Christians can show honor to God? How can you personally show honor to God this week? *(Primarily, we honor God when we believe the gospel of Jesus Christ and take His Word seriously. We get to "stand in awe" of God through seeing blessings all around us. Truly, it's only by having Jesus give us a new life that we can ever really honor God).*

Have someone read Malachi 2:7-9 out loud.

3. The role of the Old Testament priest is similar to that of modern day church leaders. In v. 7, they are called to "guard knowledge." This is referring to Biblical knowledge. Why does Biblical knowledge need to be guarded? What has a tendency to happen? *(Like a precious deposit that we have been entrusted with, the truth of the gospel needs to be guarded. We have to be careful because what often happens over time is that people water down the gospel or try to make it "less offensive" to the world around us. The truth of the gospel is "offensive" in the sense that it tells us that we are hopeless without Jesus to rescue us).*

DEEPEN

Have someone read Revelation 2:1-5 and Acts 19:17-20

4. What does it mean when a church or a Christian for that matter, drifts? How serious is it? (Pastor Joby talked about the church at Ephesus that had "lost their first love." In Revelation, the Lord challenged them to "do the things they did before." Drifting is very serious and that is why God, as a loving Father, warns us about it).

5. Of the 11 things that Pastor Joby mentioned, what are one or two that you feel the Spirit is telling YOU to consider and what step towards them will you take this week? (Answers will vary. Spirit filled evangelism, life transformation, quit faking it, breaking down the dividing wall, be in awe of God, worship, confession, repentance, sacrificial giving, diving into the Word and serving).

ACTION STEP

There are over 7,000 promises of God in His Word. Spend some intentional time this week choosing some of them to meditate over. Ask the Holy Spirit to use this exercise to stir your heart in worship. Find a quiet place to reflect on and enjoy these promises, allowing yourself to worship in response.

