

Small Group Questions – Aug 28, 2022

Read Malachi 1:1, 6-14

1. In v. 1, the word "oracle" means "burden" or "weight". What is the heavy burden that Malachi is carrying to Israel from God?
2. During Malachi's time, Israel had grown comfortable in their growing economy. Injustice and economic disparity were again in the land. Despite their affluence, the people were not offering their best to God. In what ways do we as Christians withhold our best from the work and worship of Jesus Christ?
3. During Malachi's time, the people felt that God was absent and distant. They felt that God had forgotten about them and that His promises were empty and false. In what ways do we as Christians feel cynical and disillusioned by the Church's religious rhetoric and our spiritual obligations?
4. God reminds His people that they live in a reality that is already exuding with praise and worship unto Him: "From the rising of the sun and to its setting, My Name shall be great among the nations." How can we as Christians help one another step into and live into this reality with more faithfulness and sacrificial longing?