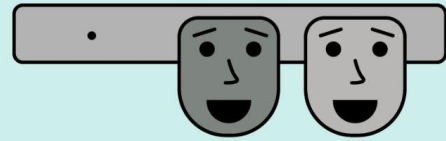


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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Discipleship Workshop** on Friday, May 14th at 7pm. This is for anyone! We are all disciples, whether new believers or long-time believers and this content will challenge us all on what it means to be a disciple and how that should play out in our lives.

We will discuss how our lives should be marked by the *joy* we find as being disciples and the *kingdom work* or *missional work* we engage in as disciples. Find more info and register at <https://northview.org/upcoming/> or email us at [discipleship@northview.org](mailto:discipleship@northview.org)

- **Missionary vehicle request** - A Northview missionary couple will be on furlough in Canada from July 6th until the end of the year. They will need the use of a vehicle during their stay. If you are able to help or have any questions, please contact Dolly, the Global Missions Coordinator at [doliech@northview.org](mailto:doliech@northview.org).

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:

**Martin & Beate Knauber** in Abbotsford, BC

Pray for ongoing translation work done, both in the Hutterite colonies in North America and in Papua New Guinea.

A young man they worked closely with in one of the Hutterite colonies committed suicide recently: pray for strength for the family and the colony as they deal with this.

Thank God for new opportunities for Beate's ministry in biblical conflict resolution. Pray for positive impact.

#### MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

##### Worship

Pray for Pastor Andrew Geddert and Frank Sawatsky and their teams that work towards God honouring worship services every week.

## LOOK

### Read Mal. 2:10-16

1. What stands out to you from the passage?
2. What do you remember from the sermon?
3. What did you learn from this passage?
4. What ideas or words are repeated?

#### Observations:

- God is described as the distant Creator of the universe (v.10) and also the Father of Israel (v.10)
- Unfaithfulness to the people around us (v.10) is serious, it is seen as profaning our covenant with God
- God is angry that His people have married those who worship others Gods (v.11), it will surely lead them into idolatry
- The sins of taking foreign wives and idolatry is deserving of being cut off from the people of God (v.12)
- The Lord takes marriage very seriously (v.14), and considers it a lifelong bond since he hates divorce (v.16)
- Note the consistent command to be on guard (v.15, 16); unfaithfulness is usually the result of lowering your guard!
- God values the family unit! God desires godly offspring raised by faithful, godly parents (v.15)

## LEARN

### Read Gen. 15:7-12, 17-18

1. What is the main event of this story?  
*God made many promises to Abram (v.7), and then makes a covenant with him to guarantee the promises He has made (v.18)*
2. What is the significance of the animals involved in the covenant ceremony?  
*The animals serve as an illustration of the penalty due to the one who breaks the covenant. If either party who enters into the covenant fails to uphold their vows, they deserve the same death as the animals cut in two (v.10)*
3. Why did Abram fall asleep?  
*Only YHWH entered into the covenant (v.18), because He knew Abram would fall into sin, not keep his end of the covenant, thus be deserving of death. God took the burden upon Himself of blessing and saving people!*

### Read 1 Sam. 15:18-24

4. What was Saul's mission as appointed by Samuel?  
*Saul was to completely destroy the Amalekites (v.18). There was to be no spoil or survivors.*
5. Why did Saul think he was in the right when he was confronted by Samuel?  
*He had killed most of the enemy, sparing only the kings (v.20) and a few animals (v.21), since he saw his religious practices (giving sacrifices) as something that pleased God more than simple obedience*
6. What is the result of unfaithfulness and disobedience?  
*Rejection (v.23). God punishes disobedience.*

## LIVE

**We see in Malachi's critique of Judah (Mal. 2:10) and in Samuel's critique of Saul (1 Sam. 15:22), that God is angered at the unfaithfulness of His people. In His eyes, religious duties without a genuine heart are worthless.**

1. For modern religious duties we do not sacrifice animals or see intermarriage as a sin, so what are the "religious practices" of our day?  
*Bible reading, meditation, church attendance, prayer, worship etc. are all religious practices in our day.*
2. What is the goal of these religious practices in our Christian life?  
*Spiritual disciplines are important but the activity itself is not the focus the heart posture involved in the activity is the important part!*  
  
*Obedience to God is a sign of a genuine heart, and worship (i.e., all these religious practices) without a genuine heart is worthless.*
3. How can we cultivate a heart that desires to obey God and worship Him?  
*Taking part of the spiritual disciplines is the way to grow!*