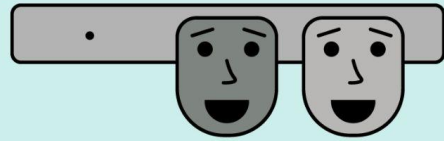


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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Fill The Pantry** is coming up! Pick up your empty bags from the church this weekend (May 23rd), drop them off around Mission, and bring them back filled on Saturday, May 29th. We look forward to serving our community in this way with you!
- **Summer Day Camps** are full for in-person and have multiple ways that you can do online day camp or at-home day camp. Find out more at [northview.org/daycampregistration/](http://northview.org/daycampregistration/)
- **Pre-Marriage Class** is coming up! This course is for seriously dating or engaged couples and you can expect to discuss marriage, sex, finances, communication, parents/parents in law and more! Cost: \$40 per couple. Find out more at [northview.org/pre-marriage/](http://northview.org/pre-marriage/)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:

**Bob & Chris Davis** *servicing with Multiply, leading teams in Southeast and East Asia.*

Pray for their ministry leader, Phonekeo (pronounced pone-kao) as he returns to SE Asia after 7 months in the US. Pray for good health, and for grace as he re-enters ministry.

For Bob as he supports Multiply work from the US, and for opportunities for travel to open up so that he can visit the mission locations.

#### MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

##### Men

Pray that God would increase the desire of the men in our church to know and love His word and His church.

## LOOK

### Read Mal. 3:6-12

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:

- Note God's description of Himself: "I do not change" (v.6). The God of the promise will always keep His word.
- God anticipates and prepares for the waywardness of Israel (v.7) - forgiveness is continually offered on the condition of repentance.
- Note the severity of God's words, they are "robbing God" (v.8) and are under a curse (v.9) for their actions.
- Giving is described in this passage as a visible sign of repentance (a means by which they return to God - v.7), and as a visible sign of trust in God's provision (v.10).
- God's blessing is limitless (v.10) and He promises to provide for the needs of all His faithful people.
- The blessing of God is intended to have a missional purpose, all the nations will notice God's blessing and provision for His people (v.12).

## LEARN

### Read Luke 15:1-7

1. According to this parable, what is the condition of all people?  
*They are lost (v.6) and must repent of their ways. This includes the sinners and tax collectors (v.1) but also the Pharisees and teachers of the law (v.2).*
2. What is God's (the shepherd's) reaction to the condition of sinners?  
*He goes to find them (v.4) and rejoices at the repentance and restoration of lost people (v.7).*

### Read Mat. 6:19-21

3. What is the fate of all earthly treasure?  
*Rot, rust, or robbery is the fate of all our possessions (v.19).*

4. What is the only safe investment for our wealth?  
*Heavenly treasure is the only safe investment (v.20).*

5. What does our handling of our treasure indicate?  
*The state of our heart. The heart stores up the treasure we value (v.21), either earthly or heavenly wealth!*

## LIVE

**We see in Malachi 3 that God pursues rebellious people, and just like the shepherd in Lk. 15, He rejoices as the restoration of the lost.**

1. Who are some people in your life that are lost?
2. How can you help them see God's offer of forgiveness and restoration?

**We also learn in Malachi 3 (and Mat. 6) that giving is a tangible and visible sign of a heart that treasures and follows God.**

Pastor Jeff quoted 2 Cor. 8:8-9 to show that giving should be generous and joyful.

3. How do you think your giving to the church measures up to those two adjectives?
4. What is one way you can increase your generosity towards God?  
*This can include how you use your time, talents, or treasure (\$\$) for the good of others and the glory of God!*

*Ask everyone to share something. We all have room to grow!*