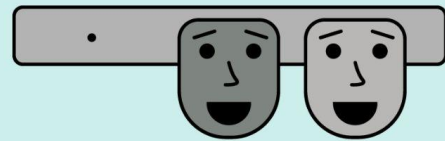


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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

- **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.



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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.

Caleb and Raquel Enns *serving in our church planter residency as they prepare to church plant in Thailand.*

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 Malachi 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?

Sermon Point Refresher

- Despicable Devotion
- Devastating Divorce

LEARN

Read Mal. 2:10-12

1. What is the presenting problem?

Israel was being unfaithful in their relationships with one another.

What would 'faithful relationships' have looked like for the Israelites?

Following the Law, living in line with their identity as God's chosen people

2. What was the underlying problem that caused them to live unfaithfully in their relationships?

They were forgetting that all of Israel had the same covenant with God, and as such ought to be treated faithfully.

Are there different "classes" of Christians that are created in church? (either formally or informally) What do such divisions say we believe about our covenant with Jesus?

Might mean we downplay its significance, might mean we don't understand its implications, etc.

3. What were the Israelites doing that (in particular) that was problematic?

They married people from other nations. (Once they returned from exile, their land had been inhabited by other nations, and they had to either worship their gods to do business, or marry a woman who worshiped the gods, so they were divorcing their first wives in order to be able to do business)

What does this kind of decision show about the people's priorities? How does our desire for wealth cause us to treat God? People in our lives?

Read Mal. 2:13-16

4. How does God respond to the Israelites ongoing religious practices while they live unfaithfully?

Though they "flood his altar with tears", he no longer "looks with favour" on their offerings. (i.e. he doesn't love their sacrifices anymore)

Is this something we need to consider God might be doing for the church in the present? Or is this kind of active judgement not something that we should expect because of what Jesus has done? *There are isolated incidences of God's judgement in particular circumstances (Acts 5:1-11; 1 Cor. 11:29-32; Heb. 12:7), but they are for the purpose of repentance and restoration for those who belong to Christ.*

5. Why was unjustified divorce being treated so severely?

V. 15 shows how God created marriage, and that it was not intended to be broken

What is the call to those in marriages? Does this apply to people who aren't married at all? *Vv. 15-16 repeats "be on your guard" twice. The call is to live faithfully in their relationship, not allowing their idolatry to affect the way they related to their spouses (but this can apply to all of us in friendships, family relationships, etc.)*

LIVE

According to Malachi 2:10-16, unfaithfulness to God showed up as unfaithfulness in their relationships.

- Are there things we want that draw us to be unfaithful friends/family/spouses?
- Are there people in your life that you trust to identify when this is happening for you?
- How can you remain mindful of how all Christians are equally adopted/part of the family of God in Christ?