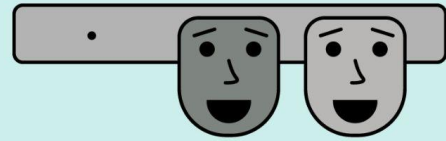


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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

- Are you able to add something for **The Pantry** to your grocery list this week? These are a few of the items we are currently in need of!
 - BBQ Sauce & Soy Sauce
 - Instant Coffee / Tea
 - Laundry Detergent / Dish Detergent
 - Salad Dressing

PRAYER REQUESTS

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:

Abhijit and Mita Nayak *servicing in South Asia.*

Pray as they continue to engage, train and equip indigenous workers in South Asia to plant churches and disciple people in the context of hostilities and persecution.

Pray for God's protection and his provision.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

Care

Pray that God would meet people in their anxiety and depression, that people would be motivated to find help; that people would experience the peace of God in this anxiety and depression-inducing environment.

Pray for stamina and perseverance and wisdom for the Care Team (Pastor Thaleia, Pastor Jayeson, and Diana) as they walk alongside our congregation and community.

LOOK

Read Mal. 2:17-3:5

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 wearied by the hypocritical whining of His people (v.27)*
- *We ought to "fear God" (v.5) since His nearness means judgment on sin*
- *God will come visit His people (v.2), but His purpose is purification for their unrighteousness*
 - *God desires worship (v.4), but the heart of the worshipper must be right, otherwise God will draw near for judgment*
- *Note that Mal. 3:1 is quoted in the gospel to describe the ministry of John the Baptist.*
- *God's judgment is meant to be refining (v.3), not punitive*

LEARN

Read Amos 5:18-24

1. What does God desire from His people?
God wants justice (v.24) and righteousness (v.24) in His people, not their sacrifices
2. How does God react to hypocritical worship?
The Day of the Lord will bring judgment (v.20) and we should not desire it (v.18)

Read 1 Pet. 4:14-19

3. What does God desire from His people?
God wants His people free from sins (v.15) and willing to suffer (v.16)
4. How does God react to sin?
He will judge, and this judgement begins with the household of God (v.17), so we can see that God cares about Christian's conduct and lifestyle

LIVE

Malachi rebukes Israel for desiring God's just judgement on others sins (2:17), when they were caught in those same sins themselves. Clearly the struggle with sin is a universal condition.

1. Several prominent Christian leaders have had moral failures in the last few years. Which one hit you the hardest? How have you dealt with it?
The list is sadly too long. Ravi Zacharias, James McDonald, Carl Lentz, Mark Driscoll, Bill Hybels, etc.

This is the reality of life in a fallen world. Remind your people to follow human leaders, but ultimately to place their trust in Christ and not men!
2. When was the last time you personally called a brother/sister to repent of sin? How did they handle the rebuke?
3. What are the sins that you are currently battling?