

Service . LifeGroups @ Central

Opening Question: What was the most significant thing that happened this week?

Appearances Are Deceiving (read Malachi 3:13-15)

1. What's wrong with the attitude of the Israelites?
2. What would be the better question to ask in verse 14? Why?
3. How did these feelings affect their relationship with God?

God Knows And Claims His Own (read Malachi 3:16-4:3)

1. Was God talking about the same group of people in verses 16-18 as He was in verses 13-15?
2. How will everyone get their "just desserts" in the end (v. 16-18)?
3. What distinguishes the righteous from the wicked? (see v. 18; 1 Peter 2:9)
4. How do our priorities change when we realize that one day unbelievers will be judged and condemned?

God Calls For Patient Faithfulness (read Malachi 4:4-6)

1. With Malachi's death, the voice of God's prophets would be silent for 400 years. Considering this, what is the importance of verses 4-5?
2. To whom does "the prophet Elijah" refer? (see Matthew 17:10-12; 11:12-14; Luke 1:17)
3. As we wait for the final judgment, how do these verses challenge and encourage us to live and serve?

Wrap up:

- What was the most meaningful thought or sentence you heard today?

Prayer: Requests