

The 12: Malachi  
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### Reflection & Discussion Questions

#### **Malachi is a final invitation from God – to step into His dream for the people**

He is looking for some responsiveness and instead gets an argument.

Read and discuss Malachi 3:6-10(NIV)

*<sup>6</sup>“I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. <sup>7</sup> Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD Almighty.*

*“But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’*

*<sup>8</sup>“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.*

*“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’*

*“In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup> You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. <sup>10</sup> Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.*

\*What do you see about God in these verses? The people?

\*Where do you see yourself in the people’s attitude throughout Malachi?

#### **The law of God is the first invitation into the vision of God**

*<sup>4</sup>“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.” 4:4(NIV)*

\*How does this verse summarize what God has been asking of the people?

\*What elements of the dream for the Kingdom do you see in the Old Testament law?

#### **Malachi’s prophecy was the last thing God said to His people for 400 years**

He wasn’t going to force His people to participate in His dream for them.

\*What difference does invitation versus force make in our relationship with God?

\*Is there a time you’ve seen Him step back or become silent when you were arguing for yourself?

#### **Soft-hearted people are more likely to hear from God**

Humble people hear the voice of God all the time.

\*What does soft-heartedness look like in relation to hearing from God?

\*How have you seen the element of surprise in the things God has said to you?

\*Is there an area where you are turning down His voice with self-justification or defensiveness?

\*Where is God looking for permission to speak right now to you?

**Visual reflection (Visio Divina)**  
**Song for reflection**

[Church of Light](#) by Hiroshi Sugimoto  
[Soften My Heart](#) by mas