

Malachi 1:1–5 Discussion Questions

1. The sermon describes an “American version of Christianity” that wants Jesus without repentance or surrender. Where do you see this mindset showing up in our culture and where might it quietly show up in your own life?

3. The people measured God’s love by their current hardships (slow progress, financial struggle, corruption). How are you tempted to evaluate God based on what’s happening around you right now?

4. Jacob did not earn God’s choosing; he was flawed, deceptive, and undeserving. How does this truth reshape your understanding of grace and salvation?

6. When life feels bleak, it’s easy to assume God is inactive. Where have you seen, either personally or biblically, that God was working even when it wasn’t obvious?

7. God tells Edom that even if they build, He will tear it down because their plans are apart from Him. What are some modern examples of “building without God”? How can this apply to churches, families, or personal ambitions?

8. The sermon emphasizes surrender: moving from “Why is my life this way?” to “If God placed me here, what am I supposed to be doing?” How does that shift in perspective change the way you approach your current season?

9. Why do you think it’s so tempting to want the rewards of following Jesus without the cost of repentance and sanctification?

10. Romans 12:1-2 is mentioned as a call to renewed minds and transformed lives. What practical steps help you pursue daily spiritual renewal rather than settling into routine Christianity?

11. Looking back over this passage, what is one specific area where God may be calling you to deeper surrender, trust, or obedience this week?