



# PROPHETS

Community Group Discussion Guide

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Faithfulness in Marriage | Malachi 2:10-16

## Introduction

You might be surprised that the prophet Malachi said anything about marriage. We think of prophets as the men who confronted Israel with the sin of idolatry and hypocrisy and oppression and greed and corruption. Yet what we discover in this Old Testament book is one of the strongest statements God made about marriage in all of scripture.

## Questions for Study

1. As a couple where would you say you're the strongest in your marriage?
2. What aspects of your relationship would you say are most challenging for you?
3. Do you remember the first challenge to joy in your relationship you faced as a couple? If you do, what was it? How did you work through it? What would you recommend to other couples as a result of your experience?
4. Where do you think you differ the most in your personality and responses to the unexpected stuff of life?
5. How would you say you've become a better person because of the person you're married to?
6. Read Malachi 2:10-16 before answering the following questions.
7. What have the men of Israel been doing that God confronts in these verses?
8. How does God respond to what they've been doing? What should this say to anyone who is unfaithful to their husband or wife?
9. What does God tell these men to do so that they remain faithful to their wives?
10. What would you say are key ways to be on guard to protect your marriage?
11. Is there anything that you've been doing that's detrimental to your relationship with your husband/your wife? What are you going to do to make the changes that need to be made?