



STUDY GUIDE

unCERTAINty **05.31.2020**

[setting it up]

Starting June 7th at 6:30pm, we are having “Church on the Lawn.” It will be an outdoor service where you can bring a blanket, chair, or even sit in your car. We will have a live worship service with preaching. It will be our first time gathering together since early March. If you are comfortable and able, we would encourage you to be part!

Many states and communities are starting to open up. That means a lot of people are starting to move back into familiar rhythms of life. On a scale of 1-10, how much are you experiencing familiar rhythms of life in your professional and personal life?

As individuals, families, communities, and states settle into a new normal, is there anything in your personal life that you know you want to change?

[digging deeper]

Pastor Josh preached from Malachi about three pitfalls of the new normal. They are laziness, unfaithfulness, and selfishness.

Laziness, specifically spiritual laziness, is found in Malachi 1:6-8. Read those verses now.

Unfaithfulness, specifically familial unfaithfulness, is found in Malachi 2:13-15. Read those verses now.

Selfishness, specifically financial selfishness, is found in Malachi 3:6-10. Read those verses now.

Of the three pitfalls, which have you fallen into? Which are you most likely to fall into as you settle into the new normal? Why?

Malachi is the final book in the Old Testament, and it points ahead to the coming of Jesus. Read Malachi 4. Then read Luke 1:17. How was the prophecy in Malachi partially fulfilled? Next, read Matthew 27:46. How was the prophecy in Malachi fully fulfilled in Jesus?

[living it out]

Writing a Book of Remembrance

Pastor Josh encouraged us to write a Book of Remembrance, just like the nation of Israel. A Book of Remembrance is a written-out prayer of reflection that captures what God showed you during the pandemic. If you have not already written a Book of Remembrance, spend 20-30 minutes right now to do it. Answer these prayer prompts as a framework for your Book of Remembrance:

Forgive me ...

- Include the actions and attitudes that were wrong, selfish, lazy, and unfaithful that you had during the past 14 weeks.

Help me ...

- Include specific areas where you need God's special grace. These include relationships, habits, situations, or patterns that you must break in order to become the person God wants you to be.

Thank you...

- These are prayer of thankfulness of ways that God provided, protected, and directed you during the past 14 weeks.

Would you...

- These are prayers about the future, about what you want God to do in and through you. This is where we ask God to make us into the man or woman God designed us to be.

As you feel comfortable, share with your group some ways that God has, is, or you hope will work in your life coming out of the pandemic?