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Sermon Discussion Questions Sunday, December 7, 2025

“Waiting for Jesus” Malachi 3: 1 - 4 Pastor Clay Smith

- Malachi promises that the Lord will come to his people, ultimately fulfilled in Christ dwelling among us. How does seeing yourself (and the church) as God's present dwelling place reshape the way you view worship, community, and your daily life?
- The Bible teaches that God chooses to dwell *with us* and *in us*— not reluctantly, but gladly. Which parts of your life make it hardest to believe that God is not ashamed to call you his dwelling place, and how does the gospel speak directly to those doubts?
- Malachi describes God's coming as a refiner's fire and a fuller's soap, cleansing his people. Where do you presently sense God “refining” or “scraping away the dross” in your life? How can you view this process as grace rather than punishment?
- The sermon emphasized learning to see ourselves as God sees us—his purified, treasured, Spirit-indwelted people. What lies, shame, or self-perceptions prevent you from seeing yourself this way, and how does the gospel challenge those false views?