

notes.



THE BOTTOM LINE

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Malachi 3:13-18

Why? We are bottom line thinkers.

Malachi 3:13-15

Who? We talk with each other.

Malachi 3:16

What? Compassion and Service.

Malachi 3:17-18

Growth Group Homework - February 9, 2020

Warm-Up

1. Do you enjoy working with spreadsheets? Why or why not?
2. What is a recent movie you have seen? How did your expectations before watching the movie influence your opinion of it?

Talk It Over

3. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, what did you find most challenging or helpful?

4. Read the following passages. What do they reveal about God and his involvement in life?

Habakkuk 1:5

Luke 12:4-7

Romans 13:1-5

Colossians 3:23-24

- What do these passages say our focus in life should be? What are some of the practical examples given?

5. It's common for us to jump to conclusions about God and his plan based on the circumstances we face. Can you think of a time when you felt like following God didn't have any benefits, that he didn't do his part, or meet your expectations? What happened?

6. Bevan said, "The only real chance we have to get outside our heads is in conversation with other people who have decided to take God seriously." Based on the following passages, what are some of the intended outcomes our speech is to have?

Ephesians 4:29

Hebrews 3:12-13

Hebrews 10:24-25

- What are some of the barriers to experiencing these outcomes?

7. Have you had a conversation with another Christian who challenged your perspective when you were being critical towards someone, grumbling about a circumstance, or complaining about God's plan? Explain.

- Have there been times you were able to do this for others?

Take It Home

8. What opportunities do you currently have to experience the type of conversations described in the passages from question 6?

- How can you intentionally increase these opportunities?