Sermon Discussion – 11 October 2026

Read *Malachi 1:1-14*

Getting Started

Think about popular verses like Jeremiah 29:11 or Philippians 4:13. What is a popular Bible verse or cliché that people frequently pull out of context to make themselves feel good?

Imagine a child gets taken to Disneyland for an all-expenses-paid day, only to throw a massive tantrum at the end because he didn't get a cheap plastic toy. Can you share a time when you (or someone you know) overlooked a massive, generous blessing because of one tiny, minor inconvenience?

Group Discussion

- In verse 2, why does God immediately respond the way He does when Israel questions His love?

- Why do we so easily fall into Israel's trap of measuring God's love strictly by our present financial, physical, or social circumstances? How does looking at the Cross (Romans 5:8) serve as the ultimate, undeniable answer when we feel tempted to ask, *"How have You loved us?"*

- According to verses 6-7, how were the priests despising God's name, and what was their reaction when confronted?

- God tells the priests, *"Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain!"* (v. 10). Why is fake, convenient, or leftover worship more offensive to a holy God than no worship at all?

- What prophetic promise does God make in v. 11 regarding His name among the nations (Gentiles)?

- When Sunday worship, prayer, or reading Scripture feels like a "weariness," what does that indicate about the state of our hearts? How do we shift from religious duty back to joyful awe?

Personal Reflection

Where in your weekly schedule are you currently giving God your exhausted "scraps" instead of your best energy? What practical adjustment can you make this week to prioritize time with Him?