**Slipping Away: A Survey of Malachi**

I. God’s Love is Based on His Choosing, Not Israel’s Merit (1:2-3a)

1. God charges Israel with forgetting how He has loved them

2. God’s election is proof of His love for Israel

II. The Fruit of a Heart that is Slipping Away

1. Polluted Offerings (1:7-8)

2. Corrupt Priests (2:7-9)

3. Treacherous Infidelity (2:11-12,14)

III. God is Faithful

1. The Call to Faithfulness (3:6-12)

2. The Lord Remembers (3:16-18)

3. The Promise of Restoration (4:1-6)

* What lead to the half-hearted worship of the Israelites in Malachi; what leads to our own half-hearted worship?
* What promises of God have sustained you in difficult times? Are there some promises of God you find hard to believe/accept?
* What does it look like to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth?
* How is your appetite for the things of God and your desire to know and do the things He commands?
* Have you ever thought that your worship to God includes how well you love your spouse and that loving your spouse has implications and correlations for how well you love the Lord? What victories do you have here? What might need to change?
* In what ways do you practice discernment in terms of the Christian content (books, podcasts, speakers, sermons, etc.)? What has helped you grow in discernment?
* How can we weary God—what might that look like?
* How is your heart with God right now? How often do you self-examine to see where your heart is in relation to Him?
* How does God’s unwavering faithfulness, despite your own unfaithfulness at times, encourage and bless you?

Next Week: Jehovah Rophi – Exodus 15