



“Do It Again” | Malachi 3:6-12

1. Have a quick overview skim read of the book of Malachi. What key themes pop off the page to you? Share what you know about the context Malachi is speaking into.
2. For context, spend some time thinking about the opening 2 verses of Malachi 1. What do you learn about God from these verses and what, if anything, do you learn about humanities response to God’s declaration of love? Is this just an ancient Old Testament problem?
3. Malachi 3:8-10 discusses tithes and offerings. What is the message about tithing in this passage, and what are the consequences of not tithing? What do you understand tithing to be?
4. More generally, how do these principles apply to our modern understanding of stewardship and giving to God's work? More specifically, if at all, how do these verses speak into our build project journey?
5. Chat together about CBCs build project journey. Where have we seen God’s hand more recently and how does our current journey have continuity with the past 150 years?
6. Chris spoke about ‘that’, ‘this’ and ‘then’. Can you identify the ‘that’, ‘this’ and ‘then’ in the text? What is the invitation God makes and what’s the accompanying promise? Have you ever seen this combination work in your own faith journey?
7. In Malachi 3:8, the people are accused of robbing God. What does this mean, and how can we apply this concept to our own lives? What are some ways people can "rob God" today, and what should our attitude be toward giving to God?
8. In verse 10 of chapter 3, God invites the people to, ‘*Test me in this.*’ Discuss. Why do you think God’s invites the test over tithes and offerings but otherwise Scripture says, ‘*Do not put the Lord your God to the test.*’ (e.g. Matthew 4:7). Why the discrepancy?
9. What might the promise(s) of verse 10-12 look like in connection with our new build? How are these verses a helpful reminder that church buildings are about more than bricks and mortar? Read the remainder of Malachi 3 and Malachi 4 to see how God’s people respond.
10. Spend time in prayer and reflection, asking God to reveal how the message of Malachi 3 applies to your life and seeking His guidance in areas of obedience, giving, and spiritual growth.



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

