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 - When was a moment that you experienced God creating something new in your life? How do you see God continually creating in your heart and life today?
 - Compare Malachi 2:10 with Jesus' words in John 13:31-35. How are they similar? How are they different?

Making a Turn

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 - What do you think it means to profane God's sanctuary today (consider where God's sanctuary is)?
 - What are some things in your life that God might be telling you to destroy because they are holding you back from his will?

Marriage and Divorce (Large Group Discussion)

- Why is divorce contrary to the biblical idea of marriage as a covenant?
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 - Who benefits from these fruits in our lives? Who is hurt if these fruits are not evident in our lives?

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