

Sam opened with a proposal story – can you think of a time you went all out for something or someone because it really mattered to you? What drove that effort?

God never stops calling himself their Father and their King throughout this passage even while he's rebuking them. What does that tell you about the nature of the confrontation – is this rejection or pursuit?

God opens by saying "A son honors his father, a servant his master – if I am your father, where is my honor?" What does that father/son framing tell you about what kind of relationship God is looking for with his people?

Time, attention, and resources were named as the modern equivalent of first-fruits. Which of those three is hardest for you to offer to God, and why?

*If you're honest, where does your relationship with God rank in your actual daily priorities – not where you think it *should* rank, but where it actually lands?*

What one way that you could begin bringing your best?

The priests respond to God's accusation with a question: "How have we despised your name?" They genuinely seem not to see it. How is it possible to dishonor God without realizing you're doing it?

Sam mentioned his fear that the church's culture of grace could become permission to disengage. How do you hold grace and expectation together in your own life?

WHAT'S ONE THING YOU ARE GOING TO PRAY ABOUT
BASED ON THE SERMON?

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IN RESPONSE TO HIS WORD, WHAT IS THE NEXT
STEP GOD IS CALLING YOU TO?

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WHO ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE MOST
IMPACTED IF YOU APPLIED THIS MESSAGE?

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Outline

God's _____ is for everything to _____.

When it _____, we bring our _____.

When we don't _____, we don't bring our
_____.

What if our _____ isn't _____
_____?