

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If your favorite famous person (movie star, musician, politician, pastor, etc.) were to come visit your home for dinner, what would you serve him or her? Why?
2. In comparison, in what ways do we give God our leftovers? What is the greatest distraction for you when it comes to giving, worshiping, serving and living for God whole-heartedly?
3. Read Malachi 1:1-5. What was the Israelites' complaint? How does that sometimes reflect our feelings about God?
4. What was God's response to the priests and Israelites? What comfort does God's response bring to you?
5. Compare God's sacrifice for you versus all of your sacrifices for God?
6. Read Malachi 1:6-9. How did the priests in Malachi's time show contempt for the Lord's name? How do we show contempt for the Lord's name today?
7. Read 1 Peter 2:9. What does the teaching "priesthood of all believers" mean? What does this teaching mean for us today in light of Malachi 1:6-9?
8. Read Malachi 1:10-11. Why would God want the temple doors shut? How does this condemnation by God to the Israelites challenge our lives of worship, giving, serving and living today?
9. Read Malachi 1:12-14. How do the offerings brought to the Lord by the Israelites and priests reflect their hearts toward God? How do our offerings reflect our hearts toward God? How do our offerings bring blessing or curses upon us from the Lord?
10. Do you sometimes ask the question, "How does this benefit me?" rather than asking the question, "How does God want to use me?" Please explain your answer.
11. What needs to change in your life when it comes to your worship, giving, serving and living for God? What will you do about it?



Half-hearted Worship

Malachi 1

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