

## LIFE GROUPS

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you see the Lord as the clear initiator in your becoming a Christian? Describe the circumstances the Holy Spirit used to draw you to himself?
2. Read Malachi 2:1-4. What was the warning God that gave the priests? How does this warning apply to you?
3. Contrast the difference between a blessing from God versus a curse. What is the Lord's motivation in bringing a curse upon someone (see verse 4)?
4. What does the statement from God to the priests, "I will smear on your faces the dung from your festival sacrifices" signify? Why would God be so drastic in his words and actions?
5. Read Philippians 3:8-9. The term "garbage" in verse 8 in the New International Version of the Bible means "dung." Describe what is being communicated in this passage of Scripture. Why are we so easily tempted to believe that our "good deeds" will make us right with God?
6. Read Deuteronomy 10:8. What was the covenant God made with the Levites?
7. Read Malachi 2:5-6. List the ways in which Levi responded to the covenant God made with him? How should our lives parallel Levi's response since every Christian is a "priest" unto God (1 Peter 2:9)?
8. Read Malachi 2:7-9. How does a Christian, not just pastors and church leaders, fulfill the call given in verse 7?
9. How did the priests in Malachi's day fall short of their God-given responsibility? How do we neglect our call as Christians today?
10. How can you take in and live out God's Word more faithfully this week? What needs to change in your life in order to make this happen?



### Covenant Worship

Malachi 2:1-9

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