



fresh faith

T H E B O O K O F M A L A C H I

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS



Week 1

Text: Malachi 1:1–5

Topic(s): Love, Justice, Mercy, Anger

Big Idea of the Message: God loves his people with a fierce and jealous love that requires them to respond with fidelity and trust.

Application Point: We must recognize the love, mercy, and goodness of God toward his people, and respond appropriately to his love.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Have you ever questioned God's love for you? Why?
3. How do trials bring us closer to God?
4. What are some of the benefits of being a child of God?
5. How do we learn to trust him when our circumstances cause us to doubt?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 2

Text: Malachi 1:6–14

Topic: Fatherhood of God, Sinfulness of Man, Worship, Kingship of God

Big Idea of the Message: God desires for his people to express their adoration and devotion to him in the appropriate and fitting ways that he has prescribed.

Application Point: We must approach God with appropriate reverence and adoration; this befits him and provides great comfort and joy for us.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is worship? Why do we worship God? How do we worship God?
3. Does God care more about our actions or our heart? Why?
4. What kind of worship does God deserve?
5. Should our worship of God be based on how we feel or on who he is? Why?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 3

Text: Malachi 2:10–16

Topic: Faithfulness, Covenant, Marriage

Big Idea of the Message: God loves his covenant with his people, and believers are called to reflect this in the covenant of marriage.

Application Point: We must remain faithful to our marriage covenants as a testimony to the truth about our great God.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Why did God create marriage?
3. How is marriage a reflection of God's love and commitment to his people?
4. What is the difference between an agreement or contract and a covenant?
5. If you are married, what have you done to intentionally honor your covenant with your spouse in the last month?
6. If you are not married, what flawed cultural ideas about marriage might you need to challenge? What temptations do you face that challenge the covenant of marriage? How can community help you in those areas?
7. How can I pray for you?



Week 4

Text: Malachi 3:1–5

Topic: Messenger, Covenant, Delight, Sanctification

Big Idea of the Message: God has sent Jesus as his messenger to reveal God's great salvation for his people once and for all.

Application Point: We must trust in Jesus to save us from our guilt and to purify us from our sin.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What evidence can you see in your life of God's faithfulness?
3. How does God use trials to refine and strengthen our faith?
4. Why does God change us from the inside out and not the outside in?
5. How has Jesus changed your life?
6. How can I pray for you?