

LIFE GROUPS – LEADER OUTLINE
Sunday Sermon Notes – Discussion – Application
Malachi 3:13-4:6
The Day That Changes Everything—SINCERE WORSHIP

STARTER QUESTIONS FOR THE GROUP

- What specific injustices do you long to see corrected by God's judgment?
- What's something you've recently been reminded to trust God with, even if you don't see the results yet?
- Have you ever felt like doing the right thing didn't seem to "pay off"? How did you respond?

READ THE PASSAGE TOGETHER – Malachi 3:13-4:6

- Have each group member read a couple of verses that will be covered during the study time.

PRAY FOR THE TIME TOGETHER IN THE WORD

- Invite someone in the group to open the study time in prayer.

HIGHLIGHTS and OBSERVATIONS OF THE TEXT

- What harsh words were spoken by Israel against God (v. 13-14)?
- Why did Israel think it was useless to serve God and keep His laws (v. 15)?
- Why do you think the Israelite's fear of the Lord led them to talk about Him (v. 16)?
- What is the book of remembrance (v. 16)?
- What is the day that the Lord is preparing, and why is it significant for Christians to understand (4:1)?
- What does it mean that the sun will rise "with healing in its wings" (4:2)?

FROM SUNDAY'S SERMON – Reflect and discuss the main points

- What stood out in the sermon to you and why?
- In what sense should you fear God? What are some examples of an unhealthy fear?
- How is the promise of judgment comforting in the midst of evil and injustice in the world?
- What does it look like to live with the eager expectation of Christ return?
- Why does God remind the people to remember His Word? How does this relate to judgment and deliverance?
- Malachi speaks of a day of judgment and a day of healing. Which one do you focus on more, and why?

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE THIS WEEK – PERSONAL APPLICATION

- How do you personally respond when it feels like the wicked are winning or prospering?
- Are there areas in your life where you're tempted to think, "what's the point of serving God?"
- In what ways are you tempted to adopt a mentality of exchange when it comes to serving the Lord?
- How would your daily life change if you really believed God notices and values your faithfulness?
- Is it comforting or troubling to you that the Lord keeps a record of all that is done in this life? Why?
- Discuss the joy you felt upon being spiritually "healed" by Christ.

CLOSE YOUR TIME IN PRAYER TOGETHER FOR ONE ANOTHER

- As we close out this study, spend some time sharing with one-another prayer requests for where you feel the Lord has been speaking to your heart about what might be a needed change in habits, thoughts, or attitudes as it relates to our walk with Christ.