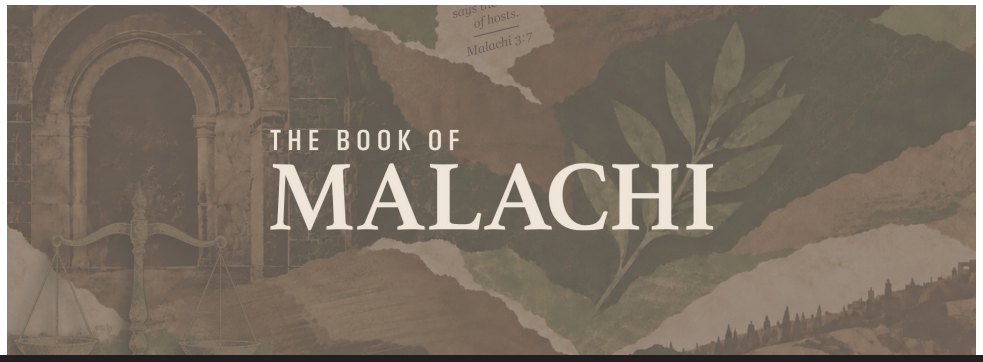


CONVERSATION STARTER

How open are you to receiving correction from a brother or sister in Christ? When someone points out a blind spot, what helps you receive it with humility?

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NOTE: This discussion guide will challenge each of you to practice humility and vulnerability. Allow yourself to be open to sharing the hard things in your life with your friends. Indeed, your Life Group is designed to love and care for you through both the good and the bad. You might consider splitting up the men and women to encourage deeper authenticity.

Read Malachi 3:6-12

1. Looking at the whole story of Scripture, what examples can you see of how God has remained unchanging throughout history? Why is God's characteristic of immutability important for us to understand and believe?

2. What are some misconceptions about God having changed over time? What passages or events might lead people to hold these misconceptions, and how would you address them?

3. Time to get a little vulnerable. Pastor Josh invited us to ask this question several times during his sermon. "What sin have I learned to excuse that God wants me to repent of and change?"

4. Similarly, but differently: What step of obedience is God now telling you to take?

5. Though James says, "confess your sins to one another" in James 5:16, he also instructs us to pray for one another in the same verse so that we may be healed. Take time to pray for each person and situation that was shared.

6. Why stop with prayer? How can your Life Group encourage each other and hold one another accountable to how they answered question 4? As a friend, how can you practically support your brother or sister in their pursuit of repentance and change this week?

7. How do the promises Christians have in Christ, such as forgiveness, adoption, and an eternal inheritance, give us hope as we face our sin?

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PRAYER PROMPT

Thank God for his unchanging faithfulness and for the forgiveness we have through Jesus. Ask him to reveal any sin you have become comfortable excusing, and for grace to turn from it and take a concrete step of obedience. Pray for one another to receive conviction with hope, trusting Christ rather than falling into shame or despair.