



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Malachi 2:10-17

(Key Verse)

Malachi 2:15 *But did He not make [them] one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.*

(Malachi 2:10): 10 Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously with one another By profaning the covenant of the fathers?

Question: Why do you think that there is such a terrible problem with racism in the world, and how does faith in Jesus bring people of all different cultures into one family so successfully?

Question: How does a breakdown in one's spiritual life lead to a breakdown in one's social life?

Question: What do you believe is the cause for members of the Church to treat each other so terribly at times?

(Malachi 2:11-12): **11** Judah has dealt treacherously, And an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem, For Judah has profaned The LORD's holy [institution] which He loves: He has married the daughter of a foreign god. **12** May the LORD cut off from the tents of Jacob The man who does this, being awake and aware, Yet who brings an offering to the LORD of hosts!

Question: Why is marriage first a covenant made to the Lord, and then a covenant made to our spouse?

Question: How does maintaining a right heart before the Lord help in maintaining the strength of your marriage?

Question: What does it mean to be *unequally yoked* in marriage, and why is it so important to seek to marry someone that loves the Lord more than they love you?

(Malachi 2:13): **13** And this is the second thing you do: You cover the altar of the LORD with tears, With weeping and crying; So He does not regard the offering anymore, Nor receive [it] with goodwill from your hands.

Question: Where does godly sorrow lead us, and what does it produce in our lives? (**READ:** 2 Corinthians 7:10)

Question: Why is it so dangerous, and deceptive for a person to forsake God in their heart, but to continue to go through the motions of religiosity?

(Malachi 2:14-16): **14** Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the LORD has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant. **15** But did He not make [them] one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. **16** "For the LORD God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the LORD of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously." **17** You have wearied the LORD with your words; Yet you say, "In what way have we wearied [Him]?" In that you say, "Everyone who does evil [Is] good in the sight of the LORD, And He delights in them," Or, "Where [is] the God of justice?"

Question: What do you think is the cause for such an increase of the divorce rate inside the church?

Question: What are some of the ways that the devil seeks to attack a godly marriage, and what are some practical tips for a married couple to effectively protect their marriage?

Question: How does a godly marriage help in raising godly children?

Question: In a world where *anything goes* morally, how is a Christian family to maintain their course, and protect themselves spiritually? Any practical suggestions?