



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Malachi 3:13-18

(Key Verse)

Malachi 3:16 *Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard [them]; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name.*

(Malachi 3:13-15): **13** "Your words have been harsh against Me," Says the LORD, "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You? **14** You have said, 'It is useless to serve God; What profit [is it] that we have kept His ordinance, And that we have walked as mourners Before the LORD of hosts? **15** So now we call the proud blessed, For those who do wickedness are raised up; They even tempt God and go free.' "

Question: How are are difficult circumstances used by the Lord to purify our hearts, and strengthen our faith?

Question: What causes us to have anger, and frustration towards the Lord, and how do we combat it?

Question: How can our attitudes toward the Lord reflect that of a Christian mercenary more than a disciple of Christ?

Question: How are we to survive following the Lord through difficult times? What are some things that help you maintain your faith when it's being tested?

(Malachi 3:16-18): **16** Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard [them]; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name. **17** "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him." **18** Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him.

Question: How does belonging to a community of believers that fear the Lord bring mutual encouragement, and support during trials?

Question: What is the difference between facts and feelings, and why is it so important to choose the right thing to focus upon during your time of difficulty?

Question: How are we suppose to trust in the Lord when we don't see God's purpose for our circumstances beforehand?

Question: Why is it important to know what God's Word says, and His promises pertaining to you as His child? How does knowing those things help you when you're struggling?

