



# LIFE GROUPS

**THIS IS MY BIBLE**  
**Part 4- Lifesavers**  
**Malachi**  
**Life Group Questions**

## **GETTING STARTED**

1. Which part of the Sunday message stood out to you? Did you learn anything new?
2. Did you know that the books of the Bible were NOT in chronological order? Does that surprise you?
3. Discuss how our “this is my bible” series has helped you. Has it made the Old Testament easier to understand? Has it helped you read the Bible more consistently?

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Before Sunday, what was your understanding of the “400 years of silence?” Why do you think so much time passed before the recorded events of the New Testament?
2. Our main emphasis last Sunday was; God demands our best and God deserves our best. Discuss your thoughts on this statement.
3. It’s clear in Malachi 1:6-14, that God is not happy with the people. Read verses 6-14 and discuss some of the reasons why God is so upset.
4. In chapters 2 and 3 Malachi moves from the way they treat to the way they treat their spouses (2:13-16) and those in need (3:5). Read those verses and discuss some of the accusations that are mentioned.
5. In the message Sunday, Pastor Rick mentioned that the way we treat our spouses and those in need is a spiritual issue. Do you agree or disagree and why?

6. Now, the topic we all love to talk about. Tithing!!!! According to statistics only about 5% of churchgoers actually tithe. Why do you think the percentage is so low? Discuss your understanding of giving to the local church and why you believe it's important.
7. Malachi told the people that if they do not tithe, they are "robbing God" (3:8-9). Do you believe this still applies today?
8. What does Malachi promise them in 3:10-11?

### **APPLYING THE MESSAGE**

1. Do you give God your best? If so, in what ways? If not, what ways can you improve?
2. Do you support New Hope financially? If not, why? New Hope depends on the generosity of those who attend. We do not receive any outside funds from other organizations. In addition to serving our local community, New Hope partners with incredible organizations all over the world that promote social justice. For more information, check out our website and click on the "missions" tab. When you financially support New Hope, you partner with us in expanding the Kingdom of God. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21).