

# Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Offering What Matters  
Message: "The Day" is Coming

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## **Memory Verse:** Malachi 3:8 NIV

Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?'" In tithes and offerings.

*The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.*

**Big Idea:** Turn and be faithful to God. In Jesus there is rest, resurrection and rewards.

## **Read Malachi 4**

1. A day is coming when God's justice will burn like an all consuming furnace against the wicked (v 1). While we're safe in Christ, what tendencies do you see in your own life that might still reflect the kind of pride or rebellion God opposes? What responsibility do you feel to the lost knowing this is their destiny?
2. Malachi describes the redeemed "leaping like calves released from the stall" (v 2). We can sometimes feel like we are living "stalled" lives contained by fear, habit or past shame. If you truly felt released from your current biggest worry or stall, what would freedom look like in your daily personality? What step(s) can be taken in the present to help you see movement?
3. God directs that we remember and observe what He has commanded (v 4). Before you can obey what was commanded, you first have to know what was commanded. What does your rhythm of engaging God's Word look like? How can Scripture memory or meditation help us observe what God has



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4. Jesus is often seen as the fulfillment of what Moses foreshadowed. In what ways does Jesus lead us out of greater bondage than Egypt? Moses also delivered the law that shaped a nation. The words that Jesus speaks are greater (Hebrews 1:1-2). How has the teaching of Jesus shaped your life? Moses was an intercessor for the people, pleading with God on their behalf. How does Jesus intercede for us today (see Romans 8:34)? What comfort does that bring you?
5. Before the Day of the Lord, God sends Elijah the prophet (v 5). How does the promise of a prophetic voice before judgment reflect God's character? In what ways does God still send "Elijah-type" voices to prepare people's hearts today? How can you be a voice that points others toward repentance and restoration?
6. John the Baptist is clearly identified as the Elijah figure who was to come (Luke:17; Matthew 11:12-14). John's message was one of repentance and turning back to God. As believers, we still have things we need to repent. How do you respond when someone speaks hard truth with love to you? What does true repentance look like in your life?
7. God will turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the hearts of the children to their parents (v 6). Do you agree that our closest relationships can be the primary place where our Christ-like character is either proven or found wanting? How can we lean in to these crucial opportunities to grow in Christ-likeness? Is there a heart in your close circle that you have closed yourself off to? How can you invite God in to reconcile that relationship?
8. Malachi ends the Old Testament with a call to look ahead to what God will do (vv 5-6). As God's people we are called to live faithfully in the tension of promise and fulfillment. What do you find most difficult about waiting on God? How does trusting God in the waiting shape your faith? How can we be an encouragement to one another during the seasons of waiting?



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