

LifeGroup Questions
Take a Step #1 – Malachi 3:7-17

1. Dan asked the question, “What if rather than a holiday, celebrated for a day and then gone, Christmas was a holy day meant to ignite every other day with the fire of heaven unwrapped?” If Christmas could be lived out 365 days a year, what parts of the Christmas season would you choose to carry over and what would you leave behind?
2. Read Colossians 3:1-4. Practically speaking, what would it look like for you to set your sights on the realities of heaven and let heaven fill your thoughts?
3. Dan quoted John Piper who suggested that the days of Malachi were in some ways similar to our days. The promises of God were given long ago and still they remain unfulfilled. Piper wrote, “The hope that fires a people to be pure and take risks and venture great things with God is fading. Just like today, it was not easy to press on with lively expectant faith when the Lord's coming delays year after year.” In what area of your life is it difficult to have expectant faith?
4. Read Malachi 3:10-12. What would change for you if your life was flooded with the uncontainable blessings of God?
5. Can you describe a time when God’s presence was unmistakable for you?
6. Read Malachi 3:7-10. What does pursuing God (or returning to God) look like for you right now?
7. What do you think about tithing? What questions do you have?
8. Dan talked about developing a generous spirit and said that we might consider that a generous spirit, gives intentionally, gives faith-fully and gives expectantly. Which of those do you do well and which needs work? Would you add any other descriptors of a generous spirit?
9. What might it look like for you to dare God to bless you according to Malachi 3? What are you considering in terms of developing a more generous spirit?

