

# Malachi Week 7

## Money & the Goodness of God

Memory Verse:

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.*

*Proverbs 3:5*

### 1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

*This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)*

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

### 2) REVIEW THE MISSION

*Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)*

Who are you going to see around Thanksgiving that does not know Jesus? Pray for them as a group and for you to have an opportunity to share Jesus with them?

### 3) DISCUSS AND ENGAGE

*Since we follow Jesus we seek to apply the Gospel continually to all of life. God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25).*

When you dream about the good life for you, what do you imagine?

#### Read Malachi 3:6-12

What does God rebuke in this passage? Why is this an important correction?

How does the Lord connect generosity to faith?

#### Read Malachi 3:13-18

In verses 13-15, what is God rebuking? How might this type of chatter show up in a Community Group? In our own hearts?

What are the main differences between the people described in verses 16-18 and the people described in 13-15?

How does Christ fulfill verses 16-18?

How does Christ's fulfillment of v 16-18 help us when we are tempted to feel the way the people of Israel did in v 13-15?