



MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS

LifeConnect Group Discussion Questions for the message,
“Act your wage” – January 24, 2010
Malachi 3.6-12

Getting started...

- Read Malachi 3.6a. What does it mean that the Lord does not change?
- What’s your idea of a ‘blessed’ business?
- Have you ever stolen something? If so, how did it make you feel?

- How will everyone get their just desserts in the end (vv. 16-18)?
- What distinguishes the righteous from the wicked?

Going deeper...

- Re-read Malachi 3.6-12, and read beyond that to the end of verse 18. What was Israel’s spiritual state in Malachi’s time?
- How had Malachi’s peers robbed God? What were the results?
- What was the promise to those who were not obedient to God with their finances?
- What was the promise to those who were obedient to God with their finances?
- Read Proverbs 3.5-10. Why do you think so many of us are reluctant to give our whole offerings to God? How is failure in this area a condition of the heart? (See Matthew 6.21.)
- How does the Lord challenge them to put him to the test?
- What was futile about their worshipping God with a “what’s in this for me” attitude?

Taking it to the next level...

- In what ways do you rob God every day?
- If you’re not tithing, what’s holding you back?
- If you are tithing, encourage others with stories of God’s faithfulness to you.
- Rewrite verses 10 to 12 as personal promises to you from God.