



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

April 19, 2009

Dear Life Group Hosts,

What a beautiful day! The sun is out, God loves us, and there's nothing but heaven before us. What a great Savior we serve!

For this week's life groups, I'm sending you questions for the first of our 8-part study of Malachi. This lesson will be a study of Malachi 1:1-5. To help you get into it, I'm sending you a message by Jeff Dodge, a young pastor at Cornerstone Church of Ames. If you want to know more about him and his church, you can check it out at http://www.cornerstone-church.com/contact_us/staff_directory.php. I'm going to try to send you one message each week as an audio study help to assist you in preparing for your group meetings. The message is solidly biblical, culturally relevant, and a great introduction to the book. I'll be giving my own introduction on Sunday, April 26th, and I'm excited about this new study and the chance to give the first message. I know you'll find it challenging and encouraging.

In addition to that, we're including a great coaching tip for the week on the importance of candid sharing to develop openness in your group and genuine spiritual growth. I'm also including an ad from Rick Warren for anyone interesting in getting the Purpose Driven magazine or doing one of the studies they supply. Take a look at it and see if it's something you're interested in.

As always, we want you to know that we love you, appreciate you, and are praying for you as you continue providing such a strategic ministry in our church. Thank you for your faithfulness!

Thanks and God bless!

Pastors Gary and Glen