



1. Haggai tells the people twice, “Give careful thought to your ways” (**Haggai 1:5, 7**).
 - a. If you honestly examined your calendar, spending, attention, and emotional energy right now, what would they say are the most important things in your life?
 - b. Where might there be a gap between what you say you value and how you’re actually living?
2. The Israelites never said they wouldn’t rebuild the temple they said, “The time has not yet come” (**Haggai 1:2**).
 - a. What is something God may be asking you to do that you’ve been postponing with “someday,” “when things settle down,” or “when I’m ready”?
 - b. What do you think is really underneath the delay; fear, comfort, busyness, uncertainty, disappointment, something else?
3. **Haggai 1:6** describes people who are incredibly busy but never satisfied: planting but harvesting little, eating but never having enough, earning money only to put it into “a purse with holes.”
 - a. Where do you see this pattern in our culture and where are you most susceptible to it personally?
 - b. What are we expecting to satisfy us that was never designed to fulfill us?
4. When the people began rebuilding, some compared the new temple to Solomon’s temple and thought, “This is nothing” (**Haggai 2:3**).
 - a. How can comparison with your past or someone else’s present make you underestimate what God is doing in your life right now?
 - b. Is there something small or unimpressive in your life that might actually be an important act of faithfulness?



5. God's encouragement to the discouraged builders wasn't primarily, "Look at what you're accomplishing." It was, "I am with you" (**Haggai 1:13; 2:4**).
 - a. Why is God's presence sometimes harder to trust when our circumstances aren't improving?
 - b. What would change if we measured God's faithfulness by His presence rather than our progress?
6. Haggai's audience couldn't see how their seemingly small act of rebuilding fit into God's much larger redemptive story.
 - a. This might be a hard thing to think about but what could God be building through an act of obedience in your life that you can't see yet?

Finish with this question: If you knew God was with you, what is one thing you would start, stop, rebuild, or reprioritize this week?