

## Haggai 1-2 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From 1:9-11 list the results of the people's disregard for God's temple in favor of their own houses (v9, 10, 11). Why was this so bad?

5. Using 1:12-15 what were the two responses of God's people to Him (v12) and what did God tell them (v13)? What did He then do for them (v14-15)?

6. In 2:1-4 how were the people feeling about this temple (v1-3)? What did God tell them to do and why (v4)?

7. Read 2:5-9. What were the promises God used to encourage the people (v5, 6, 7, 8-9)? Why will all nations come to the temple in the last days (v7, 9)?

8. From 2:10-14 what were the two questions (v10-12, 13) and the two answers (v12, 13)? What do you think His point was (v14)?

9. Looking at 2:15-19 what had conditions been like before the rebuilding project started again (v15-16, 17, 18-19)? What did God now promise (v19b)?

10. According to 2:20-23 what did God promise Zerubbabel, who was of the line of David (v21-22, 23)? What had God chosen Zerubbabel to be (v23) and what would he signify?

11. Summarize the practical message of Haggai for us today and the promises it holds for the future.

### Scripture to Remember

*"You look for much, but behold, it comes to little; when you bring it home, I blow it away. Why?" declares the Lord of hosts, "Because of My house which lies desolate, while each of you runs to his own house."*

**Haggai 1:9 (NASV)**

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### Life Group Questions—Warning, Warning, Warning—(2 Timothy 3:1-4:1)

*(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Share with the group some things you would do if you knew you only had 24 hours to live—and why.
2. Read 2 Tim 3:1-5. What are some signs to you that we are living in the last days? What keeps many from believing that the end is near?
3. Discuss the various characteristics of the last days from v2-4. Why do these characteristics make life difficult?
4. In what sense is it true that "the spirit of the age is the spirit of the church"?
5. Talk about what "holding to a form of godliness but denying the power thereof" (v5) means to you. What are some ways that we do this?
5. What are some of the deceptions of the "health and wealth" gospel being preached today? Why is it so popular?
6. If there is anything else from the message that impressed you, share it.



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## How's That Working for You? Introduction to Haggai 1-2

### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In recovery circles when a person continues a destructive pattern the question is often asked, "How's that working for you?" In this week's study in Haggai God poses this question to His people who have returned from Babylonian exile. Although they had started rebuilding the temple, opposition from their local enemies had brought construction to a halt for about sixteen years. To reignite the project God sent Ezra the priest and the prophets Zechariah and Haggai to stir them up. God used Haggai to call their attention to the results of their ways. In his first prophecy, occurring in the sixth month of 520BC, Haggai told Zerubbabel, their governor, and Joshua, the high priest, to consider their emptiness. The people were

procrastinating on rebuilding the temple, but they had continued to build their extravagant paneled houses. This was a problem because God had promised to dwell among His people in the temple, but they were more concerned with the condition of their own homes. Haggai urged them to consider their ways—they sowed much, but harvested little; they put their wages into purses with holes in them. The point is that we can never be satisfied when we are concerned only for ourselves, and relegate God to a lower place. Haggai then told them to bring wood and rebuild the temple, and when they obediently restarted the temple construction His encouragement followed. Some would have been discouraged when they compared this smaller temple to Solomon's,



**It is good when God gets in our face and straightens us up through His Word.**

but God promised to abide in their midst, to shake the entire earth one day and to construct the most glorious temple ever. This would be the desire of the nations as they streamed to it. Finally, God told them to change their expectations. While they had received God's discipline in the past He would now bless them, overthrowing their enemies, and making their leaders such as Zerubbabel like a signet ring, symbolizing that His presence would always be with them. They would never again need to ask, "How's that working for you?"

## Daily Study Questions for Haggai 1-2

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to [www.celebrationnet.com](http://www.celebrationnet.com), small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Haggai 1:1-2. Who did Haggai deliver God's word to (v1) and what was His word (v2)? What attitude of the people did this reveal?</p>	
<p>2. Using 1:3-6 what were the people doing wrong (v3-4) and what were the results (v5-6)? How could we apply this today?</p>	
<p>3. Looking at 1:7-8 what did God tell them to do as a result of "considering their ways" (v8). What would happen if they obeyed (v8)?</p>	

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