

Community Group Questions  
Haggai 2:10-23

Opening question: Share a time when you had to carry out a role or responsibility that you did not feel suited for.

Scripture study

- Read Haggai 2:10-14. What hypothetical situation does Haggai present to the people? How is it that holiness is not contagious and yet defilement is? What is the point God is making? How did Jesus speak to this in Matthew 23:25-28? What is it that addresses our uncleanness?
- What do these passages say as to what God thinks of doing spiritual things as a substitute for how we live: Matthew 5:23-24; I Peter 3:7; James 4:8-10?
- Read Haggai 2:15-17. What is it that they are to give careful thought to? How did things go for the people when they were not giving priority to God and building the temple (see also 1:9-11)? What is the benefit to looking back to a time of not walking with God? We talk about a cost of obedience, but what is the cost of disobedience? What does Hebrews 12:5-11 add to this?
- Read Haggai 2:18-23. What does God say will now be different for the people of God and why will it be different? What blessings come to us when we are living for God? How might verses 20-23 be an encouragement to Zerubbabel? What is the significance of a signet ring? See Genesis 41:41-44 for more help.
- Personal application: How is it that God wants you to be His man or His woman (his signet ring) in the world today? How might it be the time now for you to act or decide? What is your defining “from this day forward” marker to stake in the ground?