

Community group questions
Haggai 2:1-9

Opening question: What comes to your mind about the days when you were growing up that is different today either positive or negative?

Scripture study:

- Read Haggai 1:14-2:1. What was the task before them and what is the significance of the dates given? Referring back to chapter 1, what were the results of the people's delay in building the temple (1:9-11)? What are some reasons we give for putting off what needs to be done for the Lord?
- Read 2:2-3. Why might what they are building seem like nothing? How does Ezra 3:10-13 shed more light on this? Read about another time in Israel's history where the past looked better than their present situation (Exodus 16:1-3). What lessons does this provide for us? How is it that we can glorify the past at the expense of the present?
- Read 2:4-5. What is God's pep talk to them? What is their part and how is that connected to God's promise? Why is it that God's presence is enough? How is knowing God is with you sustain you in real situations in your life? Because God is with me it means...(fill in the blank).
- Read 2:6-9. What does God say in these verses that he will do (look at the "I will" statements)? What are some other "I will" statements in Scripture that give you strength and hope? How is it that what they are building goes beyond what they can see? How does Psalm 102:18 apply to these words in Haggai? How do they apply to our work for the Lord? In what area is God calling you to invest that you hope goes beyond what you can see?