

Community group questions
Haggai 1:1-15

Opening question: Share a project or chore or some task that when completed gives you great satisfaction.

Scripture study

- Read Haggai 1:1. For some background on this read Ezra 3:10-4:5, 24. What is the backstory to what we read in Haggai 1:1? What caused the task they were given to be stopped? What does this teach us about carrying out God's will? Give some examples from Scripture of choosing the hard way over the easy way. Share any personal examples.
- Read Haggai 1:2-4. What is the message to the people through Haggai? What words would you use to describe the issue at hand? When might "not yet" be a legitimate reason and when does it become an excuse? How might a sense of urgency in your life move you towards growth?
- Read Haggai 1:5-6, 9-11. What is the cost of their disobedience? How does it speak to life without God? What does Jesus say is the better way to live in relationship to material needs- see Matthew 6:33? What does it look on a daily basis to live out Matthew 6:33?
- Read Haggai 1:7-8. How can the people turn their situation around? In what way is our obedience a matter of the will and not knowledge? Read verses 12-15 and make some observations. What is the promise given to them? What difference does it make knowing that God is with us?
- How has God been speaking to you about your, "not yet"? How might you fill in the blank, "it is time to: _____"