

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Haggai 1:1-11

Whose Agenda?

Background

The returning exiles made a good start in rebuilding the temple, but then the rebuilding came to a halt. For 10 years the construction site lay neglected. Haggai was one of the prophets whom God used to stir them to reflection, repentance and action!

Digging In

1. **Read Haggai 1:1.** List the key names and dates.
2. **Read vss. 2-4.** How did the people try to excuse their failure to continue the rebuilding of the temple?
3. Why does God accuse the returned exiles of misplaced priorities?
4. How did their misplaced priorities lead to procrastination?
5. **Read vss. 5-6 and 9-11.** What problems did the Israelites experience because of their disobedience?
6. **Read vss. 9-11 again.** How is God's sovereignty (God's control) seen in these verses, showing that these problems were not coincidences, but consequences of their sinfulness?
7. **Read vss. 7-8.** What is the first thing God told them to do?
8. What is the second thing God told them to do?
9. Why do you think the rebuilding of the temple was so important – to God, and for the Israelites?



Getting Personal

- What are some ways in which we can have misplaced priorities today?
- How can this lead to procrastination?
- What are some ways in which we pursue our own agendas rather than God's?
- What can we do to regain a focus on God's agenda?
- What are some steps we can take to treasure his presence in our lives?