

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Haggai 1:12-15 *The Fear of the Lord*

Getting Started

When is fear a good thing?

Background

- **Read Haggai 1:1-11.** Why was the rebuilding of the temple still incomplete?
- What did God tell the returned exiles to do?

Digging In

1. **Read Haggai 1:12.** How did the people respond to the preaching of Haggai?
2. **Read vs. 13-15.** What assurance did the Lord give to encourage the Israelites?
3. Based on what you've learned from ch. 1, how do you think the Lord *stirred up the spirit* of the leaders and the people so that they would get to work?
4. We're told in v. 12 that the people *feared the LORD*. What do you think that means?
5. What is the connection between the fear of the Lord and wisdom? (Prov 9:10)
6. How is the fear of God related to integrity? (Exodus 18:19-21)
7. **Read Acts 9:31.** What do you think it means for us as believers to live in the fear of the Lord?
8. What additional insight can we gain from **1 Peter 1:17-19**?



Getting Personal

- Did a *fear of the Lord* have a part in your conversion? If so, how?
- How can the fear of the Lord help us to more zealously seek to avoid sin and pursue godliness?
- How can it motivate us to share the gospel?
- How can we grow in having a healthy biblical fear of the Lord?