

Haggai 2:1-23 God's Kingdom will Come

Sharing time: Tell the group about a time when you have given a gift or received a gift that has not quite hit the mark.

Read Haggai 2:1-23

From v.1-9

1) What impression are we given of the attitude of the people to the rebuilding process? (v.3)

2) What is the message that the people are given? (vv.4-5)
(see Exodus 34:8-10 for background to covenant)

3) What does God promise for His temple in the future?

4) How does the author of Hebrews pick up this idea of shaking in 12:25-29 and what does it point us to in our context in Haggai?

5) How does God ultimately bring peace between Himself and mankind (John 2:15-22; Colossians 1:19-20)

From v.10-23

6) Based on the book so far, why do you think the people's deeds and offerings have been unclean in God's sight?

7) What is the turning point in their relationship with God?

8) What is God's promise to the people as they turn back to Him?

9) In what sense is living the Christian life living a blessed life? (Heb 10:32-39; Heb 12:1-11)

10) How can we help build God's Temple today? See 1 Peter 2:4-12

11) What encouragement do you take for your own faith and Christian service from the word of God to the Israelites in Haggai?

11) Spend some time considering areas of your life where you struggle to be wholehearted in serving God. Write down two actions that you can take this week and pray for God's help to put these into practice.