

## **Haggai and Zechariah – Our Choices Matter**

### **Sermon Based Life Group Notes for the week of November 15**

#### Getting To Know Each Other

- As a child, what did you enjoy building? Train sets, tinker toys, Lincoln logs, Legos, model cars or planes?
- As an adult, what are you building now? A family? Your faith? Bank account? Your resume? Service within the church? Other?

#### Into the Bible

##### Read Haggai 1:1-13

- The Jews have returned to Jerusalem from captivity in Babylon. What was the problem with the temple rebuild? See verse 2-4, 9
- Haggai prophesies five times to “Give careful thought.” Why is God concerned with their thoughts on the temple rebuild?
- What did the people of Judah decide? See verse 12
- What was God's response to the people's decision? See verses 13-14
- Application: How has God spoken to you about your priorities? How do you spend your time each week? Would God make your top ten list of priorities?
- Application: When it comes to finances, where does God fit? Would God say your “purse” has holes in it (verse 6)?

##### Read Haggai 2:1-10

- What discouraged the people of Judah? Verses 2-3
- What was God's response in verses 6-9?
- How will God support the people? Verse 5?
- In Zechariah 4:6, what is better than power and might?
- Application: What have you devoted so much time toward and worked so hard to complete, but have recently become discouraged?
- Application: How have you ignited the Holy Spirit to burn more powerfully in you?

##### Read Haggai 2:10-19

- What is God reminding them in verses 11-15? See Numbers 19:11-13. What does God mean in his message to the people of Jerusalem?
- Read Zechariah 7:8-10. What attitude change would prove that Judah's hearts were changing and becoming more like God?
- What is God's promise to the people of Judah? See Zechariah 1:3
- In 13:9, what will God do for them? What is involved in “refining”?
- Application: What part of your life has God begun to rebuild?
- Application: What “building blocks” do you use on a regular basis to grow your faith? Prayer, Bible Study, fellowship, sharing your faith? Of these four spiritual habits, which one is your strongest? Weakest?