



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, November 6, 2022

THE MINOR PROPHETS: Haggai

Read/Reflect

1. When did Haggai prophecy (1:1)? What has happened to the Jewish people by this time?
2. Read Haggai 1. Why would it be so important in God's eyes that the temple be rebuilt? What does the temple signify in the Old Testament? Why would the people have forgotten to build the temple?
3. Read Haggai 2. Why would it matter that the temple didn't look anything like the old Solomon temple that had been destroyed?

Explore

4. In the New Testament, how has the incarnation of Jesus changed the idea of a temple and temple building? See John 2:19-21 and I Corinthians 6:19-20
5. In what way is temple building still important today? (See Matthew 6 regarding "seek first the kingdom of God" (vs.33).
6. In what way does Haggai's message speak to you? Is your life defined by building the Lord's temple? Is living in a nice house bad (Haggai 1:4)? What might be some things to which you give higher priority?
7. What experiences in your life do you expect to give you greater satisfaction than experiencing the presence of God?

Pray

- Pray Psalm 84, that the presence of God in your life may be your hearts desire.
- Confess to God those things we build (our life, our career, our church, our business) that take priority over seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.
- Give thanks to God for the ways his presence has been made know to you recently, in your life or in someone else's.