



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 09/22/2019
DISCUSSION DATE: 09/29/2019
TEXT: HAGGAI 2:1-19

I. OVERCOMING DISCOURAGEMENT

A. Do Not Get Discouraged By Listening To The Wrong People Or Accepting The Wrong Measure Of Success.

➤ Haggai 2:1-3

B. Be Courageous And Do The Work – We Overcome Discouragement Through The Strength/Grace God Provides.

➤ Haggai 2:4-5

C. We Overcome Discouragement By TRUSTING In The Promises Of God.

➤ Haggai 2:6-9.

D. We Must Overcome Discouragement To Avoid Defilement And To Enjoy The Blessings Of God.

➤ Haggai 2:10-19

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

What does God want us to desire/value?	What does God want us to know?	What does God want us to do?
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1. When the people of God are doing the work of God, they will **enjoy the blessing of God**. What do the blessing of God look like in our lives? We will also **experience growing opposition** against the work, some from within and some from without. What kind of opposition do we face that discourages us from doing the work God has given us to do? Why does the devil work so hard to discourage us from doing the work of God? How is the devil a cosmic killjoy?
2. **Read Haggai 2:1-3; 1 Corinthians 4:2**. What were the critics using as a comparison to the current work and what were they suggesting about the current work? Why do we like to compare our work against another and what prompts this kind of critical spirit? What effect does a critical spirit have on the work of God? What was wrong with their comparison? Why was it the wrong measure? What is the right measure of success?
3. **Read Haggai 2:4-5; Ephesians 6:10-11; 2 Timothy 2:1, 3; Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 12:3**. Why do we need to be commanded to be STRONG? What is the source/supply of this strength (i.e. does this rest in us – in our determinations/ability)? How are we strengthened and what does it produce in our lives? What does God promise about His presence and how does this help?
4. **Read Haggai 2:5; 2 Timothy 1:7**. How can we be set free from the spirit of fear? Who/what are we not to fear? Who/what are we supposed to fear?
5. **Read Haggai 2:6-9; John 15:26-27; John 17:20**. What does the Lord of Hosts promise to do? When God says “I WILL” should we ever doubt it? Why do we struggle with doubting God’s promises? What has God promised to make us (i.e. His redeemed children will engage in what work)? What has God promised to give us when we do His work? How has Jesus made peace with God possible?
6. **Read Haggai 2:10-13**. Is holiness contagious? What must happen in order for something to be declared holy? Why does corruption/contamination happen so easily? What must we do as a church to avoid this kind of contamination?
7. **Read Haggai 2:14-17**. What lesson did God not want the nation to forget? How had things changed since Haggai started preaching to them? IF their repentance was real, what evidence will follow it?
8. **Read Haggai 2:18-19**. Why could the Israelites expect a different outcome from their harvest this year? Who/what would make the difference? If we are faithful to the work God has given us to do, what blessing can we anticipate?