

GOD WITH US
Our Top Priority

Haggai: Chosen to Rebuild the Temple

Haggai 1-2

- God has a part of His plan for His people to ACCOMPLISH and it will cost something,
- God is ACTIVE in this world, trying to get people's attention.
- God's presence helps us OVERCOME discouragement and take courage.

- God is looking for people who want to LIVE holy lives that He can dwell in.
- God's favorite place to live is in the human HEART!
- God sets our PRIORITIES and our passion is to please the Lord.

PERSONAL STUDY HOMEWORK

Week of December 14-19

Getting Started

1. Describe a time in your life when you began a new endeavor with great enthusiasm but over time obstacles and discouragement set in. How did you respond to the discouragement? How were you able to see your vision renewed and your course reset?

Getting Into God's Word

Read Haggai 1

1. While the temple of God remained in destruction how did the people of God live? Why did the people finally decide to rebuild the temple? What two men led the people as they began to rebuild the temple? Why did they take on this leadership role?

Read Haggai 2:1-9

2. What events caused the initial enthusiasm of God's people to turn to a spirit of discouragement? What promises did God make through His prophet Haggai? What vision or picture does He give to inspire them?

Applying It In My Life

1. Compare Haggai 1:1-11 with Jesus' teaching in Matthew 6:19-34. How are they similar? How are they different? God challenges us to make Him our top priority. How is this difficult to do in the world you find yourself living in? What steps could you take this week to make God your top priority?