

Haggai's 4 short oracles were spoken in 520 B.C. during the post-exilic reforms and building of Jerusalem under the leadership of Ezra and Nehemiah.

Oracle #1: Rebuild the Temple of the Lord	1:1-15
Oracle #2: The Glory of the Lord	2:1-9
Oracle #3: The Blessing of the Lord	2:10-19
Oracle #4: The Promise of the King of the Lord	2:20-23

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Haggai contains a timeless challenge for the people of God then and now. To properly understand and apply the book of Haggai, we need to know a couple things about the Biblical concept of "the Temple" . . .

What is the Temple and what did it represent?

- The Temple was the meeting place between _____ and _____.
- The Temple represented God's _____ with His _____ and in the _____.

How many Temples are mentioned in the Bible?

4 reasons we should invest our time, energy and money in the building of "the Lord's Temple."

1. God _____ our investment. (1:8)
2. God is _____ and _____ by our investment. (1:8)
3. God will _____ our investment. (1:9-11, 2:19)
4. Because God's _____ and _____ has/will come. (2:5-9, 21-23)

Consider your ways! (1:5, 7)

1. Be "_____ _____" here at Grace.
2. Get off your _____ and find a place to _____.

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CONNECTING with one another

In this 7th week of Spring Growth Groups, take time to connect and share life together. To get the conversation going you might ask this question . . .

Your house, containing everything you own, catches fire. After saving your loved ones and pets, you have time to safely make a final dash to save any one item. What would it be? Why?

GRAPPLING with God's Word

1. Read the book of Haggai together as a group and summarize when this was written and what is going on. What jumps out at you in the book? How does Haggai point us to Jesus and the Gospel?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:4-12. What, or rather who, are these verses about? Who is now the temple of the Lord that we, God's people, should be investing our time, energy and money in? If this is the case, does it make sense to apply the challenge of Haggai today?
3. What are some of the many ways we can invest our time, money and energy to build "the Lord's temple" or today's church?

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4. What are some of the reasons people don't invest in the "the Lord's Temple" or today's church? When we're not investing in what matters to God, what consumes our time, energy and money?
5. There are some people who are probably overdoing in their service, but there are a lot of folks who aren't serving at all. Where do you fall on this spectrum? How does Haggai personally and practically challenge you?

PRAYING together

Use Matthew 6:33 as the spark for your prayers. Pray for our church in these days . . . that together we might invest our time, energy and money in "the Lord's Temple" today.

This Week's Household/Family Worship Challenge

Beyond your Growth Group this week, grab one opportunity as a household/family (roommates, spouses, kids, grandkids) to talk about your experience and the value of serving/investing in the church. It's never too early to teach your kids the value of serving. Talk about where your kids might begin to invest in the church.