

DIRECT MESSAGE – Week 3 Small Group Guide

“Not Yet”

Haggai 1:1-13

Opening Icebreakers

1. What is one project around your house that you've been saying "I'll get to that later" about for a long time?
2. What is something you put off doing as long as possible, even when you know it needs to be done?

Digging Into Scripture

3. Read Haggai 1:1–13 together.
4. The people weren't saying "No" to God. They were saying "Not yet." Why do you think that distinction matters?
5. Haggai repeatedly tells the people to "give careful thought to your ways." What do you think God wanted them to discover about themselves?
6. The sermon said, "The Temple isn't the real problem. The Temple is the revealing problem." What does that mean?
7. Why do you think God cared so much about the Temple being neglected while the people's homes were thriving?
8. After years of delay, the people finally obeyed. What stands out to you about God's response in verse 13: "I am with you"?

Personal Reflection & Application

9. Is there an area of your life where you've been saying "not yet" to God?
10. Why is it often easier to delay obedience than to take the next step God is asking us to take?
11. Have you ever experienced a season where God used difficulty, disappointment, or frustration to get your attention? What did you learn?

Living It Out

12. What is one specific next step of obedience God may be asking you to take right now?
13. The people in Haggai's day didn't need more information. They needed more obedience. Where might that be true in your life right now?
14. How can your group help encourage and support you in taking your next step?
15. What would it look like this week to give God your best instead of your leftovers?

Prayer Focus

Pray that God would:

- Reveal areas where you've delayed obedience.
- Give you courage to take your next step.
- Help you recognize reasonable excuses that have become barriers to obedience.
- Keep Him at the center of your life.
- Remind you of His promise: "I am with you."