

# SETTING YOUR HEART

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*REMINDER: This guide is intended to spark meaningful conversation, not exhaustive coverage. The goal is connection, not completion. So feel free to spend extended time on just one or two elements that resonate with the group. Aim for heartfelt connection & personal application. Finally, trust the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion in the areas most needed by your group and enjoy!*

**Summary of Message:** *The prophet Haggai confronted the returned Jewish exiles who had become distracted from rebuilding God's temple while focusing on their own houses and personal concerns. Though they were experiencing frustration in their efforts - planting much but harvesting little, eating but never being satisfied - they failed to recognize that their misplaced priorities were the root cause. Haggai repeatedly calls them to "give careful thought to your ways," urging them to examine where they had set their hearts and to make God their primary priority again. The message challenges us to honestly evaluate whether our attention, time, and resources reflect our stated values, and to consider what it means to make God our "one thing" amid life's many competing demands.*

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**Icebreaker:** What is one thing in your life that you recently got obsessed with? Share any fun memories that you have.

## Observation Questions

- 1) What specific consequences were the people experiencing as a result of their misplaced priorities, according to Haggai 1:6 and 1:9-11?
- 2) How many times does the phrase "give careful thought to your ways" appear in the book of Haggai, and what does this repetition suggest about its importance?
- 3) What was the original purpose for the Jews' return to Jerusalem, and how had they strayed from this mission?

## Interpretation Questions

- 4) What does the Hebrew word "*simu levavchem*" (give careful thought) mean, and how does this deeper meaning change our understanding of what Haggai is asking?
- 5) Why does Jesus say "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" rather than the reverse - what does this teach us about the relationship between our actions and our hearts?
- 6) How can good things like caring for family, career, and personal needs become disordered priorities that compete with our devotion to God?

## Application Questions

- 7) Where have you "set your heart" when it comes to your attention, time, and money - what do your actual choices reveal about your true priorities?
- 8) What would it look like practically for you to make God your "one thing" while still caring for legitimate responsibilities in your life?
- 9) In what areas of your life might you need to "give careful thought to your ways" and realign your priorities with God's calling?