



Opening

- **Weekly Christian Formation**
- **Question 2** *What is God?
- **Answer.** God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.
- **Scripture Reference. Psalm 86:8–10, 15**

April 28 Sermon - Study Questions

- **Haggai 1:1-15**
- Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage

- **Questions**
 1. Discuss the history of Israel leading up to the events in Haggai. Why were the Israelites in exile? Why did the Israelites stop building the temple? (Exile 586 B.C, return 538, foundation of temple 536, Haggai 520, temple finished 516)
 2. What is the significance of the temple before Christ?
 3. How did Christ change the need for a physical temple building? What is the temple today? (1 Cor 3:16, note the plural "you", and 1 Cor 6:19)
 4. "LORD of hosts" is used 14x's in 38 verses in Haggai. What do you think is being communicated by using this title for God over and over again?
 5. Read v.2-4. Why did the Israelites not feel like it was yet time to rebuild the house of the LORD?

6. By neglecting to rebuild the temple, what were they doing? (Remember, the distinguishing attribute of God's people is that their God tabernacle, dwelt, among them)
7. In what ways do you say "it's not yet time to worship God" with aspects of your life?
8. Logically, it seems like it makes sense for the Israelites to pause building the temple while there was resistance. It also seems like it makes sense for the Israelites to prioritize their homes. Read v.5-6. Were their pursuits fruitful?
9. What is the significance of "paneled houses" in v.4?
10. Look at the command in v.5 and 7. What did the Israelites need to consider?
11. What do you need to consider about your ways and your priorities?
12. How did the people respond in v.12-14?
13. Note the LORD stirring their hearts and the LORD's assurance to be with them. How does knowing this encourage you to walk in obedience, caring for the temple of the Holy Spirit? It's time to follow the LORD of hosts!

Closing

- Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.
- Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people.
- Pray that you would make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

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