



## **Opening**

- **Weekly Christian Formation**
- **Question 2** \*How many persons are there in God?
- **Answer.** There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.
- **Scripture Reference. 2 Corinthians 13:14**

## **May 5 Sermon - Study Questions**

- **Haggai 2:1-9**
- Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage
  
- **Questions**
  1. Recap the commands and warnings given to the Israelites in ch.1. What things were they pursuing? Why were they not rebuilding the temple?
  2. Recap the significance of the temple in the Old Testament. What is the temple today?
  3. About how much time has passed since the Israelites began to rebuild the temple and the second message from the LORD of hosts in ch.2? (1:15; 2:1)
  4. Given the amount of time that has past and knowing that this time of the year was also a time of festive celebration, how much work do you think has been accomplished between the first message from God in ch.1 and the second message from God in ch.2?
  5. Read v.3. How do you think the people were feeling about the amount of work they had accomplished? How do you think those who had see the temple before it was destroyed feel? After a short amount of time, do you think the attitudes about the project have possibly changed?

6. Read v.4-5. What three different commands are given to the people?
7. To the Israelites, this task probably seemed out of reach. Are there things that God has called you to that seem impossible?
8. God calls the Israelites to obedience. What assurance does God give them in v.4-5?
9. God's presence is the key difference maker in order to accomplish this impossible task. Read v.6-9. Who does God say will do the work (4x's)?
10. Although the task seems impossible, God reassures the Israelites of His absolute sovereignty. Read v.9. Discuss the different layers of fulfillment of the "latter glory" "greater than the former glory". How does the LORD of hosts give peace?
11. In what ways do you need to trust God and walk in obedience, even when the task seems impossible? How can you remember the LORD's presence and trust that He will do the work?

## **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).

\*\*Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism