# 50+ Sunday School Class

# All Saints Presbyterian Church Austin, TX

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# Christ in the Minor Prophets

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#### **Christ in the Minor Prophets**

# <u>Class Schedule – Winter/Spring 2020</u>

#### <u> New Series – Christ in the Minor Prophets</u>

- <u>Jan 12</u> 1: *Hosea* (14)
- <u>Jan 19</u> 2: Joel (3)
- Jan 26\* Guest speaker: Rev. John Trapp. (9:15: Baptism Class)
- <u>Feb 2</u> 3: *Amos* (9)
- Feb 9\* Guest speaker: Rev. Jordan Griesbeck
- Feb 16\* Guest speaker: Daniel Wang
- <u>Feb 23</u> 4: *Obadiah* (1)
- <u>Mar 1</u> 5: *Jonah* (4)
- <u>Mar 8</u> 6: *Micah* (7). (9:15: Eucharist Class)
- <u>Mar 15</u> No Class (Coronavirus Crisis begins)
- Mar 22 No Class (Spring Break)

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- <u>Mar 29</u> 7: *Nahum* (3)
- <u>Apr 5</u> 8: *Habakkuk* (3)
- <u>Apr 12</u> No Class (Easter)
- <u>Apr 19</u> 9: *Zephaniah* (3)
- <u>Apr 26</u> 10: *Haggai* (2)
- <u>May 3</u> 11: Zechariah (14)
- <u>May 10</u> 12: *Malachi* (4)
- May 17 New Series (6 weeks, through June)

\* - Craig away/preaching

#### Introduction









- World of Haggai
  - 12 Minor Prophets divide into
    - Pre-Exile to Babylon (9)
      - Hosea ... Joel ... Amos ... Obadiah ... Jonah ... Micah ... Nahum ... Habakkuk ... Zephaniah
    - Post-Return from Babylon (3)
      - Haggai
      - Zechariah
      - Malachi

605/597/586 BC – Babylonian Exile began (~70 years)
 538 BC – Persian King Cyrus decreed Jews could return ... to rebuild Jerusalem, The Temple, and to Worship God ... A New Day! ...

- World of Haggai
  - Mathematical Activity of the second secon
  - Only 50,000 returned
    Jerusalem in shambles
    Opposing Nations (e.g., Samaritans)
    Economic hardship (national wealth was gone)
    536-520 BC Rebuilding The Temple ceased
  - 520 BC God sent Haggai (4-month ministry)

- Message of Haggai
  - Challenge
  - Encouragement

### • Challenge

#### • <u>Haggai 1:2-7</u>

"Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say *the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.*" <sup>3</sup> Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, <sup>4</sup> "Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? <sup>5</sup> Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: *Consider your ways*.

<sup>6</sup>You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes. <sup>7</sup>"Thus says the LORD of hosts: **Consider your ways**.

### • Challenge

#### • <u>Haggai 1:8-11</u>

<sup>8</sup> Go up to the hills and bring wood and *build the house*, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. <sup>11</sup> And I have called for a drought on the land and the hills, on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the ground brings forth, on man and beast, and on all their labors."

#### Challenge is Heeded

#### Haggai 1:12-15

<sup>12</sup> Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD. <sup>13</sup> Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD's message, "I am with you, declares the Lord." <sup>14</sup> And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. And they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, <sup>15</sup> on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

#### • Encouragement

#### • <u>Haggai 2:1-5</u>

In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet: <sup>2</sup> "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people, and say, <sup>3</sup> 'Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes? <sup>4</sup>Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the LORD. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD. Work, for I am with you, declares the LORD of hosts, <sup>5</sup> according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not.

#### Encouragement

#### Haggai 2:6-9

<sup>6</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. <sup>7</sup> And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>8</sup> The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts. <sup>9</sup> The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts."

- Jesus is Our Strength
- Jesus is Our Sovereign
- Jesus is the Greater Glory

#### • Jesus is Our **Strength**

- Deuteronomy 31:6—Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.
- Joshua 1:6—No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.
- I Chronicles 28:20—Be strong and courageous and do it. Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed, for the Lord God, even my God, is with you. He will not leave you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished.

- Jesus is Our Strength
  - <u>Ephesians 6:10</u>
     be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might
  - <u>1 Corinthians 16:13</u>
     Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.
  - <u>2 Timothy 2:1</u>
     You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus

#### Jesus is Our Strength

#### • <u>Acts 18:9-10</u>

[when viciously opposed by Jews in Macedonia:] the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, <sup>10</sup> for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people."

#### • <u>2 Timothy 4:17</u>

the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

- Jesus is Our Strength
  - <u>Philippians 4:13</u>
     I can do all things through him who strengthens me
  - <u>1 Timothy 1:12</u>

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord

• <u>2 Timothy 4:17</u>

... *the Lord* ... strengthened me

#### • Jesus is Our Sovereign

#### Hebrews 12:26-29

At that time [when God spoke at Mt. Sinai] his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, [quoting Haggai 2:6:] "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens". <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore let us be grateful for receiving *a kingdom that cannot be shaken*, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our God is a consuming fire.

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#### Revelation 5:9

They sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God *from every tribe and language and people and nation* ...

#### • Jesus is the **Greater Glory**

#### • Ezra <u>3:12</u>

the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. <sup>12</sup> But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, *wept* with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for *joy* 

#### • <u>Haggai 2:3, 9</u>

'Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes? <sup>4</sup> Yet now be strong ... <sup>9</sup> The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former .... And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts.'"

#### • Jesus is the Greater Glory

#### • <u>John 1:14</u>

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### John 2:18-21

The Jews said to [Jesus], "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

#### Revelation 21:22

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

#### • Jesus is the Greater Glory

#### • Ephesians 2:14-16, 19-22

[Jesus] is our peace, who has made us [Jews and Gentiles] both one ... that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross ....<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

 Question: What difference should this make on Monday?

# **Prayer Requests**

# Next Week

• <u>May 3</u> – 11: Zechariah (14)