

Growth Tools

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RESPOND: What would it look like for you practically to use the Law? What “holy things” might you be tempted to trust in instead of Christ? Are you obeying God because you are accepted, or trying to obey God so that you will be accepted? What is the difference?

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RESPOND: What are you tempted to romanticize about your life before Christ? What does it look like to experience God’s discipline? How can you make sure to interpret your hardship as an invitation to examine your heart instead of simply blaming your circumstances?

Point 3: Consider how blessing is received by faith (2:18, 19)

READ: 1 Corinthians 3:11; Galatians 6:9; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Ephesians 1:3; Romans 8:28–39

REFLECT: What changed when Israel began obeying the Lord in Haggai? Why was the foundation of the temple significant? How does the temple point us towards Christ? How does 1 Corinthians 3:11 help us understand the true foundation of our lives? How does Galatians 6:9 encourage us when we don’t immediately see faith? What does 2 Corinthians 5:7 mean by walking by faith and not by sight? How does Ephesians 1:3 describe the blessings we already possess in Christ? How does Romans 8:28–39 help us understand blessing even in suffering?

RESPOND: What does it look like to build your life on Christ and not your circumstances? How are you tempted to measure God’s blessing by what you can see? Where have you been faithful but discouraged because you haven’t seen fruit yet? What would faithfulness look like if you couldn’t see the results for another five years? If God never made your circumstances easier, would Christ still be enough?

Memorizing

“Is the seed yet in the barn? Indeed, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have yielded nothing. But from this day on I will bless you” (Haggai 2:19).

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