

Sermon Guide



“Priorities”

January 14, 2024

Haggai 1:1-11

- 1. RD said this: “It’s not that we forget God. It’s that we neglect Him. We no longer tend to the fire of Him in our hearts. The gracious invitation of God is, ‘Consider your ways.’”** How might God be inviting you to tend the fire of your heart? (Perhaps you need to return to old practices, or perhaps He is stirring you to new pursuits of Him.)
- 2. Our enemy will not tolerate a people who are in passionate pursuit of God. Read 2 Corinthians 2:11. We are to be a people watchful and aware of the enemy’s schemes. Yet, the enemy is crafty. He does not draw attention to himself.** Consider your life. In what ways might the enemy be opposing you even now, in crafty and understated ways?
- 3. RD talked about the cumulative effects of suffering. He said that we “begin to believe and do things we never would have done before.” He then quoted Gideon: “If the Lord is with us, why have all these things happened to us?”** Are there ways that suffering has worn you down? Share with the group.

Prayer Prompt: Leader, share this statement before letting the group share: *“Every person will be praying for the person to your right. Don’t forget what they share so that you can pray for them.”*

What is holding you back from a life of consecration? Perhaps the schemes of the enemy assault you. Perhaps some area of sin numbs or hardens you. Perhaps suffering wears you down. Pray for one another and invite the Holy Spirit’s power to overcome those obstacles.