

Welcome: What is your favorite Super Bowl snack?

Worship: <u>The Cause of Christ – Kari Jobe</u>

Word: Scripture References: Haggai 1:1-15; 2 Corinthians 9:6, Malachi 3:10-12, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8.

- 1. What was the most impactful portion of yesterday's message for you?
- 2. **Read Haggai 1:1-6.** Describe what is happening in this scene (*Who? What? When? Where?*) and discuss the related questions below:
 - **The Remnant:** After 70 years, the people were given permission to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple, yet only 50,000 returned. Why? How can this relate to Christians (or us personally) today?
 - "Logic" and the "scarcity" mindset: Discuss the people's mindset and what Pastor Bryan spoke regarding what is illogical/logical and the economy of this world vs. the KOG.
- 3. *Read Haggai 1:7-11.* What did God mean when He instructed the people to consider their ways? (Hint: They were 14-16 years into the mission to rebuild the temple and lost their way.)
 - How did God show his mercy & grace to the people (v.9-11)
 - Have you experienced a time of cash flow and prosperity without the covering, joy, and peace of God?
- 4. *Read Haggai 1:12-15.* In the previous verse, God diagnoses the problem and provides the remedy. Now the people respond.
 - Discuss their response was it faithful, unfaithful? How can we be found faithful? What would <u>un</u>faithful actions look like?
 - "I am with you," says the Lord. How does believing God at His word encourage us to walk in faith?
- 5. *Read Malachi 3:10-12.* PBJ said our tithe, our first step, is to simply be a member of this Body, committing to the 6 basic Biblical things we ask all members to do. Prayerfully consider if this step is your next step.
- 6. *Read 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8.* Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit for how He might lead you to make special offerings toward the "Call to Build."

Witness: Close by reading the *Monterey Church Spiritual Vision* and our mission, the Great Commission, Matthew 28:18-20. Reflect on this story of this remnant people in Book of Haggai and their faithful response when God spoke. Seek the Lord specifically for your place in building His Kingdom here on Earth and ask the Holy Spirit to help empower you to obey and to fulfill the Great Commission. Let us be found faithful when Jesus returns!