

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In your home, what spreads by itself: cleanliness or messes? Explain your answer.
2. **Read Haggai 2:10-14.** How long has it been since Haggai's 1st message? What inferences can you draw about the attitudes and/or the quality of the work?
3. How did the people view their efforts to rebuild the temple? How did they think God viewed their efforts? Does God receive their efforts as holy (verse 14)? Explain.
4. **Read Psalms 24:3-4.** How can we identify when our engagement in religious activity is not pleasing to God?
5. In light of God's reminder of his covenant in Haggai 2:5, why would he refer to them as "this people" and "this nation" and not as "my chosen people"?
6. **Read Haggai 2:15-19.** What was God asking the laborers to "give careful thought" to? What were their lives like before they began the work of rebuilding the temple?
7. Why did God withhold his blessing from their lives?
8. What is God directing them to give careful thought to in verses 18 and 19? Since the crops have just been planted, how does Haggai assure them of God's blessing?
9. **Read 1 Peter 2:9-10.** When we make God's blessings the priority, what does that blessing look like?
10. This week, how can you demonstrate a God-honoring concern and commitment to the building of Christ's church?



The Blessing

Haggai 2:10-19

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