

THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Aloha! We are glad you are here. We request that you wear your mask with the exception of while you are seated.

Nursery and Kids' Church:

Sunday mornings - sign-in each child at the back table.

Middle School Youth Group

begins Wednesday, September 8 at 4:30 to 6 pm.

Grace Groups are on a break until mid September

Ladies Bible Study begins September 16 at 5:30.

The **Back to School Bash** is canceled. Sorry!

Child Protection and

Curriculum Training next Sunday after the service. See Michelle for details.

Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

Giving for January - July

Budgeted - \$195,417

Actual - \$210,971



SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - Haggai
Consider Your Ways

Big Idea: The House of David and the House of the LORD

- "Thus says the LORD of Hosts: Consider your ways."
- "I am with you, declared the LORD."

So Haggai, do we dare to hope?

DIVING DEEPER

1:1-15 — Message #1 (August 29, 520BC): Call to rebuild the Temple, and the people's positive response.

2:1-9 — Message #2 (October 17, 520BC): The premise of future glory for the Temple.

2:10-19 — Message #3 (December 18, 520 BC): The promise of future blessing to replace past defilement.

2:20-23 — Message #4 (December 18, 520 BC): The promise to Zerubbabel and restoration of Davidic rule.

Challenge for this week: Read Ezra chapters 1-6 and discover more of the context into which Haggai and Zechariah prophesy.

Returning from Exile:

- Ezra 1-6 — 1st return under Zerubbabel
- Ezra 7-10 — 2nd return under Ezra
- Nehemiah 1-13 — 3rd return under Nehemiah

The prayer of Nehemiah 9 as a basic outline of Israel's history:

- Nehemiah 9:7-8 — Genesis 12-50
- Nehemiah 9:9-20 — Exodus - Leviticus
- Nehemiah 9:21-25 — Numbers - Joshua
- Nehemiah 9:26-31 — Judges - 2 Kings
- Nehemiah 9:32-37 — Period of the Exile; Ezra - Nehemiah

Personal application questions for this week:

1. What would it look like if your life history was written out like Israel's in Nehemiah 9? Could you even write a brief history now? In other words, could you recount the ways the Lord has pursued you, poured His love on you, shown mercy, and yet you walked away? Take a moment to rehearse your own history.
2. The prayer of Nehemiah 9 begins and ends with the greatness of the Lord. At the beginning of the prayer, His greatness is acknowledged, and at the conclusion Nehemiah yields to the Lord's greatness. What is the difference between acknowledging it and submitting to it? For some, they live as if He is not even God and ignore His greatness. Where are you in life right now: ignoring, acknowledging, or yielding? Pray that the Lord would make your heart one that yields to His greatness.
3. You may have friends or family who are at different places: ignoring, acknowledging, or yielding. Pray for them. Ask the Lord to continue working in them, making them the kind of people who yield to His greatness.
4. Thank the Lord for His loving-kindness. Praise His name that He can be so great, yet be so merciful. Give glory to Him for the ways He has demonstrated mercy to you time and time again.