



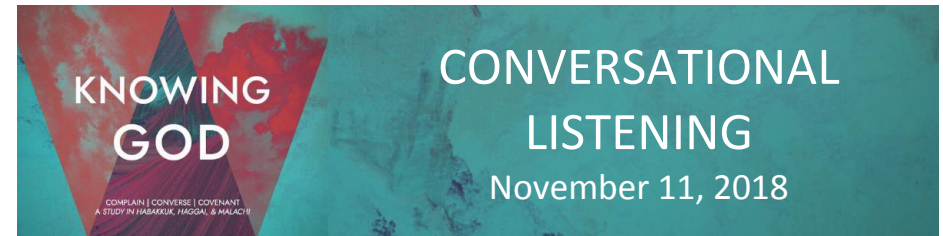
As the discussion leader, here are a few things to keep in mind for your Life Group: • **Pray** for your group discussion time! • **Review** your notes from Sunday's message and familiarize yourself with the discussion questions prior to your group meeting. • **Choose** a few questions from the guide which you feel will generate the most discussion in your group. For questions with multiple parts, answer the first part before reading the next part to the group. These questions are designed to build on the answer of the previous part before moving on.

Getting to Know Me

Has someone ever broken a promise that they made to you? How did that make you feel?

Exploring the Word – Haggai 1:1-15

1. As you listened to the message, what points stood out?
2. Read Haggai 1:1-2. In the book of Haggai, God is the only one who speaks. How does this differ from the book of Habakkuk? Can there be effective communication when only one person speaks?
3. Read Haggai 1:3-7. What were the people busy doing instead of rebuilding the temple? Was God their first priority?
4. Read Philippians 4:12-13 and 1 Timothy 6:6-8. According to the apostle Paul, what is the key to contentment? What are some things that can lead to discontentment in our own lives?
5. Read Haggai 1:8-11. Why does God destroy the harvest? What does breaking a promise convey about oneself? Conversely, what does keeping a promise convey?
6. Read Haggai 1:12-15. What message of encouragement and hope does God give the people after they respond in obedience? Is there anything that God has been asking you to do that you haven't done yet?



Haggai 1:1-15

I. God communicates (vv. 1-2)

- The temple is the place for meeting together with God.
- God's discourse focused on rebuilding their broken relationship.
- There is never a good time to work on what matters so make time.

II. Listening prayer (vv. 3-7)

- God identifies the biggest obstacle between us and him – busyness and discontentment.
- Making more room for God and people cannot wait for convenience.
- We make time and money for what matters most to us.

III. Listening through promise (vv. 8-11)

- Our identity is inseparable from the nature of our promises.
- Desire is measured by effort and action.
- Promise keeping communicates valuing another's needs - love.
- Prayer is conversation, and communication is complex.

IV. Listening through action (vv. 12-15)

- Responsive action is the fruit of listening and promise.
- Love works to anticipate the other's wants or needs.
- God doesn't want us to work for him, but rather to work with him.