

## 03.23-25 Facilitator “Haggai: Seek First His Kingdom” Tim Rice

### Pray Together:

1. Worship the LORD, the Holy One, hallow His Name! Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is above, ahead, and superior to anything and everything else.
2. How have you lived in self-interest, giving more focus and passion to your own interests than you give to your Maker, His people and His mission? Confess your selfishness to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change you.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for the miracle of His love, making more of us than He made of His own comforts or rights. Thank Him for being willing to be punished for our selfishness and sharing with us His generous heart.
4. Who do you know who excels in generosity and building up other believers? Pray for them, asking the Lord to fuel, guide and protect them in their good work of loving God and His people.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and goodness. Pray for His transforming work in your own heart to help you see how deeply the Lord has valued you and to move you to value other believers just as well.

### Discussion Questions:

- Was it well with your soul walking into the Weekly Church Gathering? How was your heart, circumstances, relationships, etc.?
- Notice how the Lord nourished you and others in Church:
  - o What believers did you see being used by Jesus to serve others?
  - o How did the Gospel dwell richly in you through the singing and liturgy?
  - o In what way did the Spirit encourage or console you through the spiritual interaction with another brother or sister in Christ?
- Read the passage of the sermon together and discuss.

### Specific Sermon Discussion Questions: Haggai 1:1-12, 2:2-5

#### A. What Was Wrong?

- After a storm, how do you choose what to repair first?
- How had God’s people gotten off track?
- What does an idol try to accomplish? How is it a lesser “triad of glory”?

#### B. Why Does the Temple Matter So Much?

- In an intrinsically secular culture, how can we grasp why the Temple was so important?
- Like in any good story there is foreshadowing, how does the Temple foreshadow the centrality of the Gospel?
- Now that the fullness of the Gospel has come in Christ, how does the Temple image relate to us?

#### C. Therefore, This Before That

- Therefore, how does God’s worth and His work define our priorities?
- How would you describe the priority Jesus put on you? How does that change your disposition to those around you? Those that God has PUT in front of you?