

Make Room - Week 3

Scripture:

Haggai 1

Discussion Questions

What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scripture passages?

1. Read Haggai 1:1-4. In this passage, the Lord contrasts the status of the house of the Lord (verse 9 says it was in ruins) with the homes of the people. A direct comparison could be made to the homes we live in and the church building. However, it seems there are deeper principles behind this.
 - **How would you compare your level of spending on yourself with what you give away?** Please don't ask this (of yourself or others) in a condemning way "we need to live, and the cost to live here in the Midwest is (for example) more than Mexico, but less than a place like Paris, France! And don't compare yourself with others either!
 - **How would you compare your level of time spent on yourself with the amount of time you give away (to serve others)?** (Same qualifications apply.)
 - **How would you compare your level of devotion to yourself with your level of devotion to others?**
2. Read Haggai 1:5-10. God tells them several things in this passage, including the reason behind why it felt like they were working hard and not advancing. We can't say that this same principle either does (or does not) apply to us. But God does instruct them to consider their ways, and that we can do!
 - **What ways might you need to consider?**
 - When you think about it, our answers about time and money (from above) are not equal to the question about devotion. Instead, what we do with our time and money is a result of our devotion. **So if you're going to make changes, what kind of changes could you make?**
 - First, list what COULD be done. Too often we immediately limit ourselves by what we think we should do. Try making a big list, even if some of them are crazy!
 - From there, ask for the Holy Spirit's help to discern if He's convicting you of any changes to make now. **Is there one? Or a few?**
3. **What other Scriptures can you think of that might connect to this topic? How?**

May our devotion to the One True God be above all else!