



## CHECKING OUR VISION

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### *Haggai 1*

What can we learn from Haggai 1 about prioritizing God's vision for our lives?

#### Things That Distort God's Vision for our Lives (Haggai 1:2-11)

- Procrastination with what God wants us to do.
- Misguided busyness.
- Failing to recognize when God is working against us.

#### Ways we embrace God's Vision for our Lives (Haggai 1:12-15)

- Obedying what we know God wants us to do.
- Developing a daily reverence for God.
- Developing an ongoing awareness of God's presence.
- Remembering God wants us to serve Him together.

#### Next Steps

- I will read Haggai 1 and answer the LifeGroup questions on my own or with others
- I will identify one area of my life where I need to prioritize God and share it with at least one other person.
- I am committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- I am re-committing to follow Jesus today.



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Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on winter break**. We will continue to provide questions in abbreviated form each week for personal study and/or discussion for LifeGroups choosing to meet during the break.

1. **READ Haggai 1:1-15.** What do you know about the historical background of the book of Haggai? Check out this website for additional insights: <https://bible.org/article/introduction-book-haggai>

2. In verse 2 the people say now is not the time to build the temple. Share ways in which financial concerns (or other concerns) can absorb our energy and push God to the margins of our lives. (Also read Jesus' words in **Matthew 6:31-34** and/or **Luke 17:26-33** for additional insight.)

3. Verses 4-6 are a good description of an affluent society, always looking for more. What are the pressures in our society that drive us to want and have more?
4. Haggai tells the people to start building the temple, requiring their time, money and effort. In what practical ways can we put God at the center of our personal finances, time and energies in the decisions we make?
5. Verse 13 shows us that when the people take action to obey God, He is eager to make them aware of His love and presence in their lives. What personal word of promise and presence do you need from God right now and why?
6. Is God stirring up your spirit and inviting you to be obedient in an area of your life right now? Write out a prayer to Him about it below.