

The Return from Captivity

Section 05: Haggai 1-2

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

Read: Ezra 5:1-5, Haggai 1-2

Intro: After laying the foundation for the temple, God's people encounter opposition, become discouraged and frightened and stopped working on the Temple. Sixteen years pass while the work is idle until God sends the prophets Haggai and Zechariah to get the work started again.

Haggai Begins Temple Building (1:1-15)

- What had the people been focusing on during the past 16 years? _____

- What is the main message of Haggai? _____
- What did God think the people should have been doing during the 16 years?

How do you know God thought this? _____

- For 16 years the people spiritually stagnated, while God worked on them. Have you ever had a time where you stagnated spiritually? Looking back how did God "work on" you?

The Builders Encouraged (2:1-23)

- The people focused on the former glory of the house, but God focused on what?

What things do we sometimes focus on that hinder us from doing God's will?

- What question does God ask the priest to rule on? Why?

- God was going to overthrow/destroy things... but what would happen to Zerubbabel? Explain.
