

Group Leader Guide-Nov 17

Sermon Recap

2 Corinthians 6:16; Ezra 1:1-6; Ezra 2:64-65,68; Ezra 3:1-4, 7-13; Ezra 4:1-3, 7-23; Haggai 1:4-14; Haggai 2:8, 14-19; Ephesians 2:7-9; Haggai 2:1, 4-5; Ezra 5:1-4; Ezra 6:6-10; Psalm 23:5-6

Wayne shared a powerful message about rebuilding faith and priorities through the lens of the book of Haggai. He emphasized that all wealth belongs to God and that He provides for His projects, urging the congregation to examine their financial stewardship and devotion to God's work. Wayne courageously recounted his own recovery from a brain bleed as a testament to God's miraculous power and support through prayer. Ultimately, he reminded the church to perspective on their priorities, to align with God's purpose, and to trust Him for provision as they navigate upcoming changes and challenges.

Quotes

"I do not know of any passage in the Bible that better describes the feverish yet ineffective activity of our own age"

~Boice

Discussion Questions

In what ways can we ensure that our priorities align with God's mission, as highlighted in Haggai's message about the rebuilding of the temple?

- Wayne discussed how people sidelined God's house for their own homes and were challenged to reconsider their priorities.
- What are some specific steps you can take to make sure your priorities reflect this alignment with God's work?

What practical actions can we take as a community to support the renewal of our church, as encouraged by Wayne's message about God's provision?

- Wayne encouraged the congregation that God will provide the resources needed for community renewal and growth.
- How can you personally contribute to this renewal process within your church community?

Why do you think it's important for Christians to understand that all wealth belongs to God, as emphasized in the sermon?

- Wayne mentioned that 'All the money and the wealth in the world are God's' and that God provides both wealth and the ability to earn it.
- How does this understanding change the way you view your own possessions and finances?

How did the people's fear shift from fear of their adversaries to fear of the Lord, and why is this significant?

- Wayne noted that before the rebuilding, the people feared those around them, but after obedience, they feared the Lord.
- In your own life, when have you experienced a similar shift from fear of external circumstances to a focus on your relationship with God?

Reflect on the Wayne's point about 'considering your ways' from Haggai 1:5-7. How do you interpret this call to reflection in your daily life?

- Wayne encouraged the audience to think about their lives when he said, 'consider your ways,' urging them to reflect on their actions and priorities.
- What specific areas in your life do you think require more attention or adjustment based on this reflection?

Prayer

- Ask for prayer requests from the group first.
- Pray for guidance in understanding how to apply the sermon lessons to our daily lives.
- Ask God to help us prioritize our time and resources according to His will.
- Pray for encouragement and strength in moments of uncertainty, like those mentioned in the sermon.