

# Supplemental Questions for The Twelve

## HAGGAI

### **Moving Heaven And Earth (Introduction)**

- In returning His people back to Jerusalem, God moved heaven and earth and worked in the lives of pagan kings to do it. Though previously judgment had to come, nothing would stop God from redeeming and restoring His people. Have you seen in your own life or in someone else where God restored someone to faith and abundant life against all odds? What is that story?

### **It's Supposed To Be Easier Than This, Isn't It? (Jeremiah29:11; Ezra 1:1, 3:1-4;5, 5:1)**

- Even though God's people did everything by the book when they first returned, the opposition around them was so strong that they gave up. Haggai had to whip them back into shape. Do we assume that truly living the Christian life is going to be easy? How do you respond when your faith is attacked or your Christ-centered actions are ridiculed?

### **Consider Your Ways (Haggai 1:2-4, 6-9, 2:9)**

- Do your choices and priorities each day communicate that you're seeking God's will or that you're OK if God keeps His distance?
- Is it possible that we as Christians can expect God to pour out His blessings on us whether we follow His ways or not?

### **Four Words You Really Want To Hear (Haggai 1:12, 13; Acts 4:19)**

- Even though the work God may call us to do may not be easy, how does His saying "I am with you" make all the difference? How does His being with us in the work matter?

## **We Have A Winner (Haggai 1:14)**

- God stirs in the hearts of His people to do the work He has called them to do. How are you seeing God move in your church fellowship to a work in missions, representing Christ in the community, or maybe in strengthening the families in your local church? What is God stirring you to take on for the sake of the Gospel?

## **Joshua Says Hello (Haggai 2:3-5; Joshua 1:5-9)**

- What God's people then and now need is strength and courage to go against the flow and shine the light of Christ into the darkness. Whether it is taking the Promised Land, rebuilding the temple, or sharing Christ with someone you know, adversity and discouragement will always be there from our Enemy and from those who oppose God's peace. "Be strong," God says! In what ways have you found you dearly needed God's strength and help in a difficult situation or in a difficult conversation?

## **Don't Get Too Big For Your Britches (Haggai 2:21-22, 23)**

- It can be easy to make it all about us. But God made it clear in Haggai that the work was *His* and part of a greater work He would do in the future when Jesus the Messiah would come. Having an eternal perspective is key to see that what God is doing in and through us now as part of the work He is doing that reaches far beyond our days. What are some ways that are helpful for you to not "make it all about you" and to rise above a challenging situation to let God work through you in that situation?

