

Haggai 2:10-19 Study notes

1. A central theme in Haggai and all of scripture is worship.
How can we reveal the worth of God in our lives?
2. The two principles of Haggai's questioning of the High Priests (verses 10-13) are:
 - i) Holiness is not contagious and cannot be passed on by ritual or works
 - ii) Sin contaminates and is easily passed on

Discuss these two principles and reflect upon the dangers of misunderstanding these truths?

3. In Chapter 2 verse 14 we hear God through the prophet Haggai rebuke the actions of the covenant people

V14 Then Haggai said, "So it is with this people and this nation in my sight," declares the LORD. "Whatever they do and whatever they offer there is defiled.

What brought their work into question and how may this apply today?

4. Read and discuss 2:15-17. How can we spend time reflecting on God's dealings with us?
5. In Haggai 2:18-19, God's blessing is promised through obedience.

There is a promise of material blessing (timely as this message is given in December in the middle of growing season), the prophet assures them that their time away from the fields building the temple will not mean poor harvests but abundant blessing. More powerfully, there is a promise of covenant renewal – 'I will bless you'.

How do we understand blessing today with our new covenant in Christ?

6. In Haggai 2:10-19 we hear the call for whole person obedience the alignment of heart, head and hands. In Sunday's sermon, Ryan used the phrase, "*You cannot tape fruit to a tree*", to illustrate the relationship between our inner and outer lives.

How does this apply to our discipleship and missional living?
(read also Matthew, 7:15-20)