

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Sunday, August 30, 2020
Haggai 2:10-19

1. What happened on Wednesday in our study of Zechariah 1:1-6?
 - a. God called His people to return to Him.
 - b. God promised that if they returned to Him, he would return to them.
 - c. God reminded the Jews of their ancestors who had refused to respond to God's call and the devastation that this decision had brought.

2. What question does God tell Haggai to ask the priests in Haggai 2:11-12? _____

How did they answer? _____
What question does Haggai ask the priests in 2:13? _____

What was their answer to this question? _____

3. In Haggai 2:14, he says "so it is with this people... Whatever they do and whatever they offer there is defiled." What is God trying to tell His people in verses 10-14?
 - a. People can't be made holy just by touching something holy. Brushing up against holy people doesn't make you holy.
 - b. It is much easier to be tainted or defiled than it is to be made holy.
 - c. Just because you make a "holy sacrifice" or come to a "holy place" doesn't mean that you make yourself holy. Instead, if you are unholy, your presence defiles the place.
 - d. They are unholy and when they encounter the holy, they make it unholy...not the other way around!

4. What is God trying to say will be different now, according to 2:15-19?
 - a. In the past, they made everything unholy by their presence because they were unholy. It was as if everything they touched was cursed...and God says that it was from Him.
 - b. God marks the date and tells them that it will be different from then on.
 - c. God declares "From this day on I will bless you."

5. What has changed?
 - a. They have turned from their old ways. They have decided to follow God.
 - b. This is the date when their obedience began.
 - c. They have not let the enemy keep them from the things that God has called them to do any more.
 - d. They had now been faithfully obeying God and laying the foundation of the temple for three months instead of paying attention to their own homes and comfort while the house of God lay in ruins.

6. Do we need to make a new commitment to obey the Lord and faithfully put Him first like the people of Israel did? _____
