

Dig Deeper @Home – “Kingdom Restoration”
Complement to lesson on 4/02/23 – “A Call to Rebuild”

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. What is your favorite part of the house where you live? Explain why and/or draw a picture of it.
2. What would you say are the top 5 priorities in your life?

MEMORIZE – Nehemiah 1:9

“but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.”

READ – Read Haggai 1

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
 - a. What did the Holy Spirit cause to “jump off the page” as you read?
 - b. What are the verses revealing about God? About people?
In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. Haggai 1 has a good deal of repetition of the word house/home as it compares and contrasts...
 - a. How many usages of the word/words can you find?
 - b. What houses are being compared/contrasted?
3. As God highlights the condition of these houses through the prophet Haggai, He twice instructs the people to, “Consider your ways.” (More repetition!)
 - a. What “ways” does He ask them to consider? What does He bring to their attention?
 - b. What “ways” may God want YOU to consider? In what ways might you have set aside the things of God to pursue other goals?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Consider **YOUR** ways

Return to the Top 5 Priorities list you put together in this week’s Ice Breaker #2. If you haven’t already written them down, do so in the space below:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



Take a few minutes to prayerfully reflect on your list, asking questions such as...

Do your actions reflect this claimed order of value?

Is this the order of importance God would desire you to live by?

Where might your list need rearranging or your “ways” need adjusting to come into alignment with God-honoring priorities?

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

First - <https://youtu.be/RbWQV30iRqA>

I Give You My Heart - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXRkgAz854g>

One Pure and Holy Passion - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMWVPmEjUpo>

Listen: Andy Mineo – Priorities <https://youtu.be/8qULJEPmQwg>

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

(If completing this Dig Deeper Guide as a group, pray together over anything that came to light during the Experiential Activity!)

Sending prayer based on the series:

Father God, empower me by your Holy Spirit to prioritize following Jesus in the places I live, work, study, and play. Give me eyes to see where you are calling me to join your Kingdom work in restoring the brokenness in myself, others, and the world around me.