

When God Gets Our Attention Discussion Questions

Haggai 1:5-11

1. Have you ever started out strong doing something for God and then after a period of time lost the zeal for it and fizzled out? Why does this happen? What can we do to prevent this from happening?
2. The first point was to pause and ponder, to see God as mighty and majestic. Take time to list things that describe God's majesty or might.
3. Give three things you can praise God for (Family, food, and home is a given. Please come up with something more unique).
4. Take the time to list three things that are diverting your attention from God. What can you do in order to ensure these things stop diverting your attention from God?
5. What can you do to make sure you are keeping God the focus of your life?
6. Why is it easier to find fault in others and not in ourselves?
7. If your spouse or best friend was asked to name one of your faults in the spiritual area, what would it be? What would they say is your greatest strength in the spiritual area?
8. How do we learn to be satisfied with God?
9. How do you know if the difficulties you are experiencing is God getting your attention or God getting glory (like Job)? What is the difference?
10. How do you feel about God arranging and planning for you to have problems? Why do you feel this way?
11. How does putting God's priorities first give us what we are longing for?
12. Haggai 1:9 gives the idea that they worked harder and harder for less and less, because they were not putting God first. How does this happen? Can you give a brief example of this in your life or of the opposite happening?
13. What is one thing that makes your life really busy? Why do you do it? Should change take place?
14. How do questions like "God what are you trying to teach me?" "Is there a sin I need to confess?" and "What do you want me to change in my life" help us during times of difficulty?
15. What does Charles Spurgeon mean by "God doesn't allow His children to sin successfully?"
16. How do we live out our love for God?
17. How does God being glorified bring satisfaction to our life?
18. How does worship of God lead to work? What kind of work?
19. How do we switch our thinking of dividing our lives into sections and giving God one part to giving God our whole life.

20. Which do you think is worse: deliberately disobeying God or not giving Him first place in your life?
Why?

21. Which of the four applications do you need to apply to your life the most?