

## **Don't Look Back**

Haggai 2:1-5

Study Questions

May 12-13, 2018

1. What comes to your mind when you think of the "Good Old Days"? Explain.
2. Why do you think God gave us a number of "time markers" in Haggai? How do you mark time?
3. When you think of the past do you wish you could back to it or would you rather forget about it? Explain.
4. Have someone read Ezra 3:11-13. How do you think its possible to have some who are worshipping and others weeping? How do you think you would have responded if you were among the remnant?
5. Describe your tendency to compare the present with the past. Why is Philippians 3:13-14 so important to practice?
6. In what ways do you focus on your flaws and the flaws of others? How is this not healthy?
7. Do you ever overstate or exaggerate things? If so, why do you think that is?
8. Look up Ecclesiastes 7:10. Why are we told to not say the past is better than the present?
9. Describe a time of discouragement in your life. What contributed to it? How did God bring you through it?
10. Why do you think God told them to be strong three times? Search the Scriptures for at least 3 other times God urges His people to be strong.
11. What's the relationship between getting "back to work" and leaving discouragement behind?
12. How does knowing that God is with you help you to persevere?
13. What specific promises of God keep you focused (have everyone in your group share a promise found in Scripture).
14. How does having the Holy Spirit within you give you power to do what God has called you to do?
15. What one thing will you put into practice as a result of studying this passage?