MARINERS CHURCH



Finding Hope Above the Noise Haggai 2:1-9 5.29.21

They began to work on the house of their God, the LORD Almighty. Haggai 14:1

The word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: 'Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing?' Haggai 2:3

"This is what the Lord Almighty says, 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the Lord Almighty. Haggai 2:6-8 (NIV)

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. Colossians 1:15-16

Sometimes we have to be honest that life will oftentimes not get better, but worse.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this allsurpassing power is from God and not from us. 2 Corinthians 4:7 (NIV)



God does great work in jars of clay and worn-out temples.

God works just as well when things are

worse.

But now be strong, Zerubbabel,' declares the Lord. 'Be strong, Joshua, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the Lord. For I am with you,' declares the Lord Almighty. 'This is what I promised you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.' Haggai 2:4-5

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

Share an example of when the "sun didn't come out" and problems seemed to get worse.

Why was the temple so important? (You may want to look it up online or a good Bible encyclopedia or a good study Bible.).

Talk about how it was a center point of their faith and what it represented.

Read Haggai 2:1-9 together. Talk about what is going on. Why would the people be disappointed? What do you think God was trying to show them?

What would you say to a person whose life is bad and getting worse and if they are expecting God to make it better?

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