MARINERS CHURCH



Choosing to Live Above the Noise

Haggai 2:10-19 6.6.21

Question #1

If someone carries consecrated meat in the fold of their garment, and that fold touches some bread or stew, some wine, olive oil or other food, does it become consecrated?' The priests answered, "No." Haggai 2:12

Question #2

Then Haggai said, "If a person defiled by contact with a dead body touches one of these things, does it become defiled?" "Yes," the priests replied, "it becomes defiled." Haggai 2:13

"A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart."
-Jesus, Luke 6:45

Then Haggai said, "'So it is with this people and this nation in my sight,' declares the Lord. 'Whatever they do and whatever they offer there is defiled. -Haggai 2:13-14

#1 God has always wanted me.

When you hoped for a twenty-bushel crop, you harvested only ten. When you expected to draw fifty gallons from the winepress, you found only twenty. Even so, you refused to return to me, says the LORD. Haggai 2:16-17 (NLT)

#2 Take a personal inventory

Now give careful thought to this from this day backwards. When you hoped for a twenty-bushel crop, you harvested only ten. When you expected to draw fifty gallons from the winepress, you found only twenty. Even so, you refused to return to me, says the LORD. Haggai 2:15-17 (NLT)



When I am apart from God, enough is never enough.

#3 Things mess me up a lot quicker than I realize.

Dead flies can make a whole bottle of perfume stink, and a little stupidity can cancel out the greatest wisdom. Ecclesiastes 10:1

#4 There is one time when something holy makes me holy.

God made Jesus who has no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

Read Haggai 2:10-13

What about this question and answer rings true in life? What do you think God was trying to say?

What is "holiness" and "consecration" and what do these two words have to do with our lives in Christ?

Read Haggai 2:14-19

How are God's 'shortages' actually gracious? How does He work in the middle of them?

Have you ever had a time when a shortage has been a 'wake up' call? Describe that time and how you felt and what you did about it.

Take time to pray together. If someone needs to confess something, provide time for that.

*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at Jen@mariners.cc.org