

## Rebuilding the Temple - Haggai 1:1-2:23

*Topics:* Blessing, Confidence, Courage, Discipline, Future, God, History, Materialism, Messiah, Poor, Priorities, Procrastination, Prophecy, Punishment, Purity

### Open It

1. If you could have a house restored and money was no object, what kind of house would you want to restore?
2. When do you procrastinate?
- \* 3. When do you tend to own up to your mistakes, and when do you find it easier to make excuses for yourself?

### Explore It

4. What points did Haggai cover in the introduction to the book? (1:1)
- \* 5. What excuse did the people make for not rebuilding the temple? (1:2)
- \* 6. Why did the Lord rebuke the people of Judah? (1:3-6)
7. What did the Lord challenge the people to do? (1:7-8)
8. What had led to the people's impoverishment? (1:9-11)
- \* 9. How did the people react to the prophetic message? (1:12-15)
10. What did Haggai say when he announced his second prophetic message? (2:1-2)
11. How did the Lord promise to help His people? (2:3-5)
12. What was God's assurance concerning the temple? (2:6-9)
13. How was Haggai's third message introduced? (2:10)
14. What contrast was made between God's punishment up to that point and His future blessing? (2:11-19)
15. How did the prophet introduce his final message? (2:20)
16. What did God command Haggai to tell Zerubbabel? (2:21-22)
17. What final promise did God make? (2:23)

### Get It

18. What effect might a luxurious life-style have on your spirituality?
19. How do you handle tough experiences?
20. What excuses do you make for not doing the will of God?
- \* 21. If a respected church leader reprimanded you for your lack of commitment to ministry, how would you respond?
22. What motivates you to do the work of the kingdom?
23. Why do you need the Lord to give you courage to do His work?
- \* 24. How has God's discipline influenced your life?
25. How has spiritual discipline changed the life of your church?
26. On what future blessings of the Lord do you depend?

### Apply It

27. What steps do you need to take to stop procrastinating and get involved in ministry for the Lord?
- \* 28. What do you want to remember the next time you are rightly confronted with a need to change?