

## Haggai: Abiding Love | Haggai 2:1-9

- 1. How do you think the people of Haggai's day felt as they looked at the unfinished temple foundations? Have you ever experienced the discouragement of "unfinished work" in your own life? How did it affect your faith?
- 2. God's encouragement was not "Be strong because you have enough resources," but "Be strong, for I am with you." What difference does it make to know God's presence is with you, even when your resources feel small?
- 3. How can our church community remind one another that God's abiding love is not tied to buildings or budgets, but to His presence with us?
- 4. What does it mean that "the silver is mine and the gold is mine, declares the LORD Almighty"? How does remembering God's ownership of everything reshape the way we view giving and generosity? In what ways are we tempted to think our security lies in possessions or money rather than in God?
- 5. Can you think of a time when you saw God multiply small offerings (like the widow's flour and oil, or the boy's loaves and fish) into something greater? Read the stories in 2 Kings 4:1-7 and John 6:1-14.
- 6. The people might have laughed at the idea that the new temple's glory could surpass Solomon's temple. Why do you think God promised this? How does God define "glory" differently than human beings often do?
- 7. God promises peace (shalom) in His house. How would you describe biblical shalom, and what might it look like in your community?
- 8. As we move forward towards our new building for mission and ministry, what are some ways we can ensure our church is not just a functional building but truly a sanctuary of God's peace and presence? How can our church community embody the vision of being "a living temple where God's glory shines and His peace is poured out"?
- 9. Where in your life right now do you need to hear God's words: "Be strong...for I am with you"? What practical steps can you take this week to shift from ownership to stewardship of what God has entrusted to you?



