

MINOR PROPHETS STUDY

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Winter 2024–Spring 2025

Session Ten: Haggai – The Truth about Courage

BACKGROUND

Who: Haggai (“Festival of YHWH”) **When:** 520BC: 3 months (Remnant returning!; Zechariah)

Read: Ezra 1:1–4; 3:1–4:6:18 (Headings only)

Haggai 1:1–11 Courage to Rebuild (and Reprioritize)

Read 1:1–6: The people have returned, so what’s the problem now?

- What phrase/reminder occurs 4 times in these 6 verses (and 27 times in two chapters!?)
- Why?

Read 1:7–11: Reiterate the problem…

- *How do we do the same?*
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Haggai 1:12–15 Courage to Obey

Read 1:12–15: What shocking event occurred? Why is it shocking? How might it explain the second question under 1:1–6?

Haggai 2:1–19 Courage to Trust

Read 2:1–9: Have you heard of WYSIWYG? How is this the opposite of that?

- *In what ways can the past become the enemy of the present and the future?*

Read 2:10–14: What analogy is being used?

- *How might this still apply today? What limits does it have?*

Read 2:15–19: What was the reality until this day? What shall the reality be now?

Haggai 2:20–23 Courage to Lead (and to Follow)

Read 2:20–23: What is promised? To whom?

- *What is a signet ring for and how will Zerubbabel fill that function?*