



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 21/06/2019

Series- Build my House Prt 1

### **Build my House**

*3 Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: 4 "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?" Haggai 1*

**1. Give careful thought to your ways- that God might be honored.  
(Haggai 1:1-11)**

**2. Obey the voice of the Lord and he will be with you. (Haggai 1:12-15)**

### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Haggai 1:1-4. What was the message of the prophet Haggai in these verses and how did it address the people of God?
2. Read Haggai 1:5-8. What were the people of God to “give careful thought,” too? What were they doing and what was the result of that?
3. Read Haggai 1:9-11. What was happening to the people and their wealth and what did Haggai put this down to? How is this related to the blessings and cursing of the law in Deuteronomy 28?
4. Read Haggai 1:12-15. How would you describe the response of the people to the word of the Lord; think especially of verse 12?
5. Read Haggai 1:12-15. How do we see the work of the Spirit here?

### **B. Meditation & application**

6. What would it look like for you to “give careful thought to your ways,” in light of your present circumstances and Gods’ word? (Massive question- perhaps summed up in- “what is God saying to you right now and what are you doing about it?”)
7. The people of God here, were challenged by their exposure to the word of God? Gods’ word disrupted their thinking and their behavior. What could you do to ensure the disruptive Word of God speaks into your life?
8. In this chapter the people of God were challenged and to “give careful thought to their ways,” in considering the fact that they have been building their own houses and all the while they were neglecting the Lords’ house? In what ways are you focused on the “building of your own kingdom to the detriment of building “God’s house?” What would it look like for you now to seek first Gods’ kingdom in your life? What kind of things lead you to say to God- It is not time to build the house of the Lord?
9. How does the promise of the empowering presence of the Spirit encourage you as you seek to seek first the kingdom of God in your life? Try to memorize Matthew 6:33 this week and meditate on it asking God to reveal to you what this could look like in your life.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father; help us to live thoughtfully. Spare us from an unreflective life. Help us to consider our ways in light of the Word of God so that we might seek Gods’ kingdom first. In Jesus Name- Amen.*