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Money Matters – Heart of the Matter

Discussion Guide

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Read Together: Haggai 1:1–15; Matthew 6:19–21

Main Idea: What we treasure reveals what we worship. Because we belong to God and all we have belongs to Him, we are called to put Him first in our time, priorities, possessions, and finances.

Observation | what does the text say?

1. In Haggai 1:1–4, what had the people been doing for themselves, and what had they neglected? What reason did they give for delaying the work on the Lord's house?

2. What does the Lord tell the people to "consider" in Haggai 1:5–11, and what specific examples describe the results of their misplaced priorities?

Digging Deeper | what concepts does the text connect with?

3. Read Matthew 6:19–21 and Matthew 6:33. How do these passages connect our priorities, what we treasure, and the direction of our hearts?

4. Read Ecclesiastes 5:10 and Luke 12:15. What do these verses teach about the limits of money and possessions as sources of satisfaction and security?

Unpacking the Main Idea | what does the text mean?

5. The sermon says the central issue in Haggai was not simply rebuilding a temple, but whether God's people would put Him first. How does that help us understand the difference between acknowledging God and truly making Him Lord over our lives?

6. Read 2 Corinthians 8:5 and Matthew 6:24. What does it mean to give ourselves first to the Lord, and why can money be a useful servant but a harmful master?

Personal Application | what does the text mean for me?

7. Where are you most tempted to tell God "later"—in worship, serving, relationships, generosity, or another area? What is one step of obedience you can take now?

8. If you honestly considered your spending, schedule, and use of possessions, what might they reveal about what you treasure? What is one practical change that would help you put God first this week?