

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / NOVEMBER 3

TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

Read

Read Haggai 1:1–11 and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “When you fail to put God first, he will sometimes literally frustrate your financial plans.”
- “Nothing’s worse than putting something valuable into something with holes in it ... but that’s what you’re doing, God says, when you pursue your own little kingdoms without putting me first.”
- “When you put ‘first’ things first, God will throw in ‘second’ things. But put second things first and you’ll lose not only first things, but eventually the second ones also.”
- “What legacy are you leaving? I’m not asking about later, which one will you leave, but based on what you do with your money right now, what legacy ARE you leaving?”

Group Discussion

1. What do you think it means to put God first in your life? How can we recognize when other priorities have taken over?
2. Consider Haggai 1:5–6, where God warns about “bags with holes.” What might this look like today? How have you experienced this?
3. How does Matthew 6:33, “Seek first the kingdom of God,” relate to God’s command to prioritize the temple? How can we apply this today?
4. In what ways does your “legacy” reflect your values? How might focusing on eternal priorities shift your current actions and decisions?

CHALLENGE

- Make some time and space to meet with the Lord to prepare your hearts for how he wants to grow you as stewards through Summit’s Stewardship Devotional. You can download it at summitchurch.com/commit.

PRAYER

- Ask God to reveal any areas in your life where personal priorities are taking precedence over him, and seek his guidance to realign.
- Pray for a heart that willingly places God first in finances, time, and relationships, trusting him to provide and satisfy.