Consider Your Ways

Greg Kline · Haggai 1:1–11

INTRODUCTION

- But this morning I want to ask us to consider our ways.
- Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house lies in ruins?
- Getting a little too preoccupied, a little too busy, a little too spiritually indifferent sometimes, as we let the cares and worries of this physical world surround us and take up all of our time.

1 Begin With Self-Evaluation

Haggai 1:5–7

- Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts, consider your ways.
- Evaluate, think about what you've done, what it has produced. Has it been good or bad?
- You have sown much and harvested little, you eat, but you never have enough.
- Are we as a congregation, are we as individuals putting the Lord first?
- There's nothing wrong with luxury. There's nothing wrong with being on a baseball team or singing in the chorus, but there is a problem when those things come before God.
- And while we don't have a spiritual temple to build, we do have an almighty God to serve.

2 Consider the Cost of Busyness

Luke 12:13–21; Matthew 6:25–34; Haggai 1:8–11

- But they were so consumed with the things of this life, God's work was being put on the back burner.
- But God said to him, Fool, this night your soul is required of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?
- If I hadn't put in those big rocks first, I would have never gotten them in at all.
- Put the Lord first. He will provide for you.
- But the point is we need to stop waiting and start serving.
- It wasn't a question of ignorance. It was a question of procrastination and indifference.

3 Consider What It Means to Obey God

Haggai 2:1–9

- If we were to consider what it means to obey God, we would see what happens when we do.
- Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the Lord. Work, for I am with you, declares the Lord of hosts.
- The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts.
- God will reign. And we can choose to submit to his service.
- But it is not a God to serve in the spare time. We need to put our big rocks in the bucket first.

THE CHALLENGE

Let's consider our ways this year and start serving God today.

MY NOTES