## The Time is Now *"The Best is Yet to Come"* Haggai 2:6-9 & 20-23 September 25, 2016 / Pastor Shawn

- 1. Open your Group time with prayer.
- 2. Recite Haggai 1:4; 2:4-5; 2:19.
- 3. As a Group memorize Haggai 2:23.
- 4. Read Haggai 2:6-9 & 20-23 as a Group.
- 5. Review the Message
  - (a) What was your "A-Ha" from Sunday's message? (b) What were the main points of the message?
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  - (c) What were the 2 points of application Pastor Shawn outlined?
- 6. Use the following questions to guide your discussion. It would be helpful to come to Group having already answered these questions. Feel free to write your answers on the back of this sheet or use a separate sheet of paper.
  - (a) What does Haggai mean when he says God is going to shake the heavens and the earth in Haggai 2:6 & 21? Where else in Scripture do we read this description? (Consider: 2 Samuel 22:8; Psalm 18:7; Isaiah 13:13, 14:16; Habakkuk 3:6; Joel 2:10, 3:14-16; Hebrews 12:26).
  - (b) How is the "glory of this present house" going to be "greater than the glory of the former house"? (Haggai 2:9) What role does Jesus play in this glory?
  - (c) How might the Church be a fulfillment of this "greater glory"? (Consider: 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Peter 2:4-5; Ephesians 2:19-21; Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13,27).
  - (d) Why is this message addressed only to Zerubbabel (Haggai 2:20)?
  - (e) Five times in Haggai 2:21-23 God says "I will;" What does this tell us about the world in which we live?
  - (f) Why is it important to Zerubbabel to know that he has been "chosen by God" (Haggai 2:23)? Why is it important to the claims of Jesus as the Messiah that Zerubbabel was "chosen by God"?
  - (g) What was a "signet ring"? In what way was Zerubbabel like God's signet ring?

- (h) What is the significance of Haggai closing his book with the name of God "the LORD Almighty" or "Lord of Hosts."
- (i) What can we learn about the nature of the Messiah from this passage?
- 7. Use the following questions to begin helping you apply what you studied. Be prepared to share your response with your Group.(a) What is your Unfinished Ministry Assignment?
  - (b) How does the promise of God to be "with you" and "bless you" motivate you to continue your Assignment?
  - (c) How does your Assignment contribute to building the Body of Christ and expanding God's Kingdom?
  - (d) How may your Ministry Assignment continue or be "passed along" to the next generation until Jesus returns?
- 8. Recite Haggai 2:23 from memory.
- 9. Close in Prayer.