

Talk Outline

Haggai 2:1-9

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- **Introduction** Previously in Haggai: Get building! (1v8)

- **The problem on the ground: Discouragements in the building project**

"Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes?" (2v3)

- **The promise of the future: The most glorious building**

"The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts." (2v9)

- **Conclusion** Keep building! (2v4)

Discussion questions:

1. The problem on the ground

- a) Share some examples of ways in which we can find God's building project discouraging today. Be honest!
[Think about interaction with both Christians and non-Christians]

2. The promise of the future

- a) What impact should the reality of this future glorious building have in your life now?
- b) Think about the different discouragements you shared (in 1a) and consider how these promises of the future help to unwind everything we find discouraging today?
- c) How can we encourage each other in light of these promises?

Spend a few minutes praying about these things together