
AND LET THEM **MAKE** ME
A SANCTUARY, THAT I MAY
DWELL IN THEIR MIDST.
Exodus 25:8
MAKE WAY
MAKE WAY *IN US*
MAKE WAY *THROUGH US*

Let's Prioritize | Haggai 1:2-11; 2:9

ICEBREAKER

What's something you keep saying you'll get around to doing, but somehow it never makes it to the top of your priority list?

OR

If someone looked at how you spent your time over the past week, what might they assume matters most to you?

SMALL GROUP WEEK 4 VIDEO (5:18)

Watch this week's small group video by visiting the Fairhaven app - *Make Way* tab. Before beginning the rest of your discussion, take time as a group to respond to the question in the video.

INTRODUCTION

Read Haggai Ch. 1-2.

God desires to be at the center of our lives, shaping our priorities and how we live each day. But when we neglect God's presence through misplaced priorities and telling Him "not yet," we push Him to the margins of our lives. In Haggai, God's people were living in a contradiction. They had delayed rebuilding God's house while focusing on their own homes and priorities. The same can happen to us when other things begin taking God's rightful place. We find ourselves searching for satisfaction in things that can never fully satisfy. Yet even in our dissatisfaction, God is graciously working to get our attention, inviting us to prioritize His presence before anything else. What stood out to you most from this week's message?

INTO THE WORD

Read Haggai 1:2–4 and James 4:13–17.

What do these passages reveal about the danger of delaying obedience to God? Why is it sometimes easier to say "not yet" rather than "yes" when God calls us to take a step of faith?

Read Haggai 1:4–9 and Ecclesiastes 2:10–11.
How can we recognize when good things in our lives have become more important than our relationship with God? Why do the things we work hardest to achieve sometimes leave us feeling unfulfilled? How might God use seasons of dissatisfaction to draw us back to Him?

Read Matthew 6:33 and Psalm 16:8–11.
What does it practically look like to seek God's kingdom first while navigating the responsibilities and pressures of everyday life? How might consistently prioritizing God's presence change the way we approach our decisions, relationships, and personal goals?

Read Haggai 2:9 and 1 Corinthians 3:16.
What do these passages reveal about the significance of God's presence among His people? How might understanding His desire to dwell with us change what we're willing to surrender or rearrange to make Him our priority?

EMBRACE AND EMBODY

Prioritizing God involves more than simply acknowledging His importance. It requires a willingness to surrender our own plans and desires to follow His leading. While this isn't always easy, God's invitation is rooted in His love for us and His desire for us to experience the fullness of life found only in Him.

Create space for the group to reflect on and share the following: Where might God be inviting you to reconsider your priorities? What is one practical change you could make this week to give Him greater priority in your life?

PRAYER PROMPT

Close by praying for one another, asking God to reveal any areas where other priorities have gradually taken His place. Pray for hearts that are willing to respond with obedience rather than delay, and for wisdom to recognize the difference between good things and what matters most. Ask God to help each person trust Him with their time, relationships, responsibilities, and resources, and that He would deepen their desire for His presence and give them faith to follow wherever He leads.

This Week's Next Right Step — Seek God Daily:
Read Haggai 1:2-11 and pray. Ask God to reveal any areas where you have personally moved Him to the margins of your life (Examples: prayer, devotions, time, relationships, work, finances, thoughts, pleasure, rest, etc.). Take time to listen to the Holy Spirit and respond to His leading by taking a step to make God the priority in that area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check out the *Make Way* tab in the Fairhaven app to access helpful resources including prayer guides, reflection questions, the weekly Participant Guide (like this one) based on the sermon, and small group videos.