Small Groups - Bethany Church Long Beach **Build Week 2 – Haggai 1:12-15**Josh Coffey – Mar 6, 2016

INTRO

- If you could have a house restored and money was no object, what kind of house would you want to restore?
- What part of this week's message was the most challenging or interesting?

GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1. How did the people react to the prophet Haggai's message in **verses 1-11**? Share a time you have responded positively or negatively to someone challenging you to do what is right?
- 2. Read **Haggai 1:12-15**. This passage of scripture tells us the Lord "stirred up" the spirits of Zerubbabel, Joshua the high priest and the whole people to rebuild His temple. How has God stirred you to act on His behalf? In what ways do you feel He may be stirring you to build or reconnect to God during this series of messages?
- 3. We see that Israel's leaders and the people obeyed when tasked by God to rebuild His temple. What keeps us from obeying the Lord in our lives? How can we overcome the obstacles to our obedience?
- 4. **Haggai 1:12** records that the people "feared" the Lord. What does it mean to "fear" God? Do you believe your heart fears God in this way?

DIGGING DEEPER

5. Read **Luke 6:46-49** and discuss this passage with your group. What does Jesus reveal as the essential building block of any building project in these verses?

ACTION PLAN

6. Consider the rebuilding project God wants to do and ask God to help you obey, fear and act upon His stirring in your heart.

PRAYER AS A GROUP

• Pray with one another and share what God is doing in your lives. Ask for the Holy Spirit's help to follow His stirring in obedience and reverential fear.