

# Sunday, June 9, 2019 Dr. Landon Dowden

# SERMON-BASED CURRICULUM

# LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

As we partnered with God this past week to \_\_\_\_\_\_, what did He do? How did He work in and through us?

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR HAGGAI 2:1-9**

- 1. In what way, if any, did God's Spirit speak to you today through God's Word? Was there something in the text He used to challenge or convict you? Was there something in the text He used to encourage or strengthen you?
- 2. Was there anything in today's text that was unclear or something which you had a question about?
- 3. Has God ever given you a Word from His Word before you even knew you would need that Word? If so, when was it and what was the Word?
- 4. What are some other moments in your life in which God knew the best way and best time to speak His Word into your journey? What impact did that Word have on you?
- 5. God knew what the Israelites were thinking as they were rebuilding the temple and He knows what we are thinking as we go through each day. How can this be an encouraging truth and not just something that scares us or that we use to shame ourselves? How can it be comforting to know that God cuts through all of pretense, sees our real thoughts, and still loves us?
- 6. Why is it a big deal that in this text God sends encouragement to His people even though they had not formally confessed their discouragement or asked God to encourage them? Instead of being harsh or chastising the people for being discouraged, what does God do?
- 7. Have you ever been striving to obey God and do what you knew to be the right thing, but still felt discouraged because of failing to see results? How did God help you get over being discouraged?
- 8. What is the difference between God saying, "Be strong. Work. Fear not" and God saying, "I am with you. Be strong. Work. Fear not." Would you say your life is lived more in light with the first one or the second one?
- 9. When is a time God fueled perseverance in your life by reminding you of His presence, promises, provision, power or purposes?
- 10. As we obey the Lord, how we can avoid "despising the small things" or feeling like all the Kingdom work we do is insignificant?
- 11. In the Spirit's power, what if anything do you need to do or believe or share in response to this text of Scripture?

#### APPLICATION

This week, by God's grace and in His power, we will \_\_\_\_\_\_.