



The Appearing...

THE COMING OF THE VERY SON OF GOD

Dec 19: The Story of the Nations

Icebreaker:

What Christmas gift are you most desiring to receive?

Message Bible Text:

Haggai 2:6-9, Haggai 2:1-5

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you received a gift you most desired and then found your desire to be unfulfilled?
2. What was Israel desiring in the time of Haggai?
3. What are people desiring today?
4. What is the greatest need in our world today?

Supplemental Bible Texts:

1 Samuel 8, 9:20, Revelation 21:22-26, Hebrews 12:26, Philippians 3:14

Discussion Questions:

1. In the light of the world or personal conditions, what is our encouragement to keep going?
2. How do we point people to desire Jesus?
3. What does God need to shake loose in our lives so we desire only Jesus? (break my heart for what breaks yours) Are we willing to have our hearts broken?

Take-Home Thoughts:

- Whether your heart is bursting with joy or broken with sorrow, God promises us His future Glory will surpass the present.
- Everything will topple to a new desire for the One Desire.

Prayer Requests (use the extra bullets to place your own requests or your small group's requests):

- In this season we would shine the light of Christ in all areas of our lives. Remembering the reason for the Christmas season. The ultimate gift that is given to us.
- Remember those hurting this Christmas season.
- Pray for avenues to be opened that don't know the love of Jesus Christ.
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Memory Verse:

Haggai 2:9 - 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the Lord Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the Lord Almighty.'

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

During this Holiday season and every day, may Jesus Christ truly live and rule among us. We pray that the desires of our hearts are truly for Him alone.

Amen