

## God Wins Discussion Questions

### Haggai 2:20-23

1. What happens to a person who feels alone, discouraged, and disappointed? How can a person change these negative feelings to positive ones?
2. What is your definition of failure?
3. What causes a person to feel like a failure?
4. How can God's Word turn someone who feels like a failure into someone who is a winner?
5. One of the quotes in the sermon was "God does not exist for us, we exist for God." How do we falsely act like God exists for us? How do these actions change to show that we believe we exist for God?
6. In the sermon it was explained that the word *take* was used when God changed the status of someone. What has to happen before God will change someone's status (this is more than just salvation)?
7. In the sermon, the words shake, take, and make were used. God shook up Zerubbabel, took him from a lonely leader, and made him into a signet ring. Does God still do such things in people's lives today? Can you give an example from your life and briefly explain the shake, take, and make?
8. How was Zerubbabel a signet ring? What does that mean for us today?
9. The three purposes of a signet ring are 1) personal signature of a king 2) validated royal authority and 3) guarantee to fulfill a future promise. Read Ephesians 1:12-14. How do these verses and these purposes apply to the life of a Christian?
10. Why would God punish the offspring of the person who committed sins such as He did with Jehoiakim and Zerubbabel? Does this same reason apply to a whole nation? If so how?
11. Why does God choose to use us and not just do things Himself?
12. What do we mean "let God's word come to you?"
13. Which of the topics from this series spoke to you the most? What did you learn from it and how has it changed your life?
14. Why is it hard to trust God's timing? What do you do during the waiting to help you get through it?
15. Take a few minutes to read Isaiah 14:24 three times aloud as a group to help you memorize it. How does this verse help while waiting on God's timing?
16. So often we want to think everything is about me. Getting what I want, when I want it, how I want it. How do our actions and words reveal who we think is in the center of the universe? How do we stop ourselves from being like this and remind ourselves it is all about Jesus?
17. Which of the four life lessons do you need to work on in your life? What is your first step going to be?