

Discussion Guide

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His House, My House

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Main Idea

Dr. Hagan delivers a sermon titled "His House, My House" based on Jeremiah 29. He provides historical context about the Jewish people's exile and emphasizes God's plan to bless them after 70 years of hardship. Drawing parallels to present-day disruptions, such as the challenges faced in 2020, he encourages listeners to prioritize God's house while pursuing personal goals. He concludes by sharing a framework for setting goals that align with relationships, leadership, health, knowledge, and intimacy with God.

Anchor Verse: For I know the plans that I ^ahave for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11, NAS)

Discussion Questions

1. Why was it important for the Jewish people to prioritize rebuilding God's house after the exile?

Context: In the sermon, Dr. Hagan highlighted how Zerubbabel and Yeshua were instructed to rebuild Jerusalem and the house of the Lord after the 70-year exile, but they got sidetracked by building their own houses.

Application Question: How can you prioritize God's house in your own life? What does that look like for you?

2. What can we learn from the historical context of Jeremiah 29 about having hope and trusting in God during difficult times?

Context: Dr. Hagan explained the context surrounding the famous verse Jeremiah 29:11, where God shares His plans to bless the Jewish people despite the 70-year exile.

Application Question: How can you apply this message of hope and trust in your own life when faced with challenges?

3. Why do you think people struggle with balancing personal goals and desires with prioritizing God's kingdom?

Context: In the sermon, Dr. Hagan spoke about the importance of seeking God's kingdom first while still pursuing personal goals and desires.

Application Question: What obstacles do you face when trying to balance your own goals with God's priorities? How can you overcome them?

4. How can setting goals based on the 2 Timothy 4:11-13 framework lead to a more fulfilling and purposeful life?

Context: Dr. Hagan provided a framework for setting goals which includes restoring broken relationships, investing in emerging leaders, taking care of physical health, stimulating the mind, and developing greater intimacy with God.

Application Question: Which areas from this framework do you need to focus on in your life? How can you set specific goals in these areas?

5. What role does obedience play in prioritizing God's house and seeking His presence?

Context: Dr. Hagan emphasized the importance of building God's kingdom and being obedient to His will in order to establish a place of God's presence within your community.

Application Question: In what ways can you practice obedience in your daily life and prioritize God's house over your own desires?

Prayer Time

- Begin by asking for any prayer requests within the group.
- Pray for a greater understanding of God's plans for each person's life and the ability to trust in His timing, using the context of Jeremiah 29:11.

- Ask God to help each group member reflect on their own priorities and how they can better prioritize God's kingdom in their lives, inspired by the story of Zerubbabel and the high priest Yeshua.
- Pray for guidance and strength to set and pursue goals that reflect God's will, based on the framework shared from 2 Timothy 4:11-13.
- Ask for the energy, focus, and intentionality to build places of God's presence within the community and personal lives.

Important Information

21 Days of Prayer and Fasting

Come along as together we seek God during [21 Days of Prayer and Fasting](#). From January 7 to January 27, follow along with daily devotionals, Saturday Morning prayer (13th & 20th), and finish strong with Worship Night (28th) at our West Houston location. Below you'll find information on our Saturday gatherings, different types of fasting, and how to subscribe to our weekly updates.

HC Groups

HC Group will be launching the weekend of January 28, and we would love for you to consider leading a group. Throughout January We will have training sessions at all locations and even some virtually. We will equip you and come alongside you to help ensure your success. You can stop by the connections area at your location or visit hopecity.com/groups for more information.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: Two Resolutions and a Lie

Each guest presents three resolutions, two of which are true and one of which is a lie. As each guest takes turns sharing theirs, the other guests try to discern which two are true and which is the lie. If you wish, you can have guests keep track of their guesses and award a prize to the one with the most correct.