

Life Group Preparation Notes:

Priorities during a disruption!

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Note for the facilitator: Preparation for the Life Group is key for each person to be able to engage and be vulnerable to grow. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you as you prepare for the group time. Be aware of vulnerable sharing and the recurring theme or phrase during the connection time as you are prompted by the Holy Spirit.

Whether you are doing Life Group on Zoom, Google Hangouts/Meet or chatting on Email or your WhatsApp group, we encourage you to cover the following:

1. Check in to find out how each other is doing in this season.
2. Share a response to one question in the notes.
3. Pray together for one another.

Purpose for the session: To keep God's mission and purpose for our lives as a priority in these disruptive times.

Worship: As you prepare for group, listen to the song "[Turn your eyes upon Jesus](#)" by Hillsong Worship. Use this time to turn your attention towards Jesus and commit your life to Him afresh.

Check-In: Share a verse that stood out to you from your devotional time this past week.

Bible Reading: In preparation for group, read Haggai Chapters 1 and 2. Here is a study on the Book of Haggai from [The Bible Project](#).

Preparation and Discussion for Group Time:

1. Their priority and mission was to rebuild the temple. What is yours?
2. Two distractions to focussing on right priorities - Fear and self-preservation. Share about your likely distraction
3. Haggai 1:6 "Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes!". What does this mean for you and your finances in today's economy?
4. What does "put God first" in your life look like?
5. Read Haggai 2:19. "I am giving you a promise now while the seed is still in the barn. You have not yet harvested or produced crops." What could this promise mean for you?

Check out and Prayer time:

Share how you are going to keep your focus on God's mission for your life.

As a group read God's promises: "I will bless you. I will honour you. I have chosen you. I have spoken". Haggai 2:19, 23. Pray for one another to keep your focus and thank Him for His promises.

Others: Take time to pray during the week for these prayer needs:

JUSTICE PROJECTS:

- Mercy Aids: Financial support for soup kitchens in Fisantekraal and other areas.
- U-Turn: Setup of the new shelter for their clients.
- Aslan Sports: Provision for Food Packs to families in Joe Slovo and other areas.

SCHOOL REQUESTS:

- Support for school feeding programs
- Financial Provision for Teachers (SGB)
- Teachers personal health and wellness

OUR NATION:

- Unrest in our city
- Health workers
- Government

Daily Practices to follow:

- **Memorize** Proverbs 3:9-10 (TPT). Write out the verses or copy and paste it so you can see it regularly throughout the day.
Read or recite the verses and repeat throughout the day. Set a reminder to pray at different times throughout the day.
- Here is a **YouVersion** plan on the book of Haggai [The Time is Now](#).