



# TALK IT OVER

**Things Aren't As They  
Seem  
(Haggai 2:1-9)**

## **How to use Talk It Over:**

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the key questions, add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

## **The Main Idea:**

The future can be better than the past when God is in the lead.

## **Key Questions:**

- Have you ever had to start something over in life - career, education, marriage? What was most challenging about doing something again?
- Based on your readings in 2 Chronicles this week, what would have been the most challenging or depressing thing about trying to rebuild the temple?
- According to Haggai 2:1-9, what can God do and provide that enables the future to be better than the past under his leadership?
- What are you trying to "re-do" in life right now? How could you let God lead this effort?

**Optional Questions:** If needed, include one or more of these questions to extend your conversation.

- In 2 Chronicles 1-7, what resources did Solomon have that made the building of the first temple easier than rebuilding the temple was?
- Haggai frequently uses the term "Lord of heaven's armies" to describe God. What is the significance of this term to you?
- What, practically, does it mean to say that "God is with us?" How, specifically, is this an encouragement? What practical difference does this assurance make?
- God tells the Israelites that "the silver is mine and the gold is mine." If God were speaking to you about your challenges in life, what resources would he tell you belonged to Him?

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

- Day 1 - 2 Chronicles 1
- Day 2 - 2 Chronicles 2
- Day 3 - 2 Chronicles 3
- Day 4 - 2 Chronicles 4
- Day 5 - 2 Chronicles 5
- Day 6 - 2 Chronicles 6
- Day 7 - 2 Chronicles 7

## **Bible Reading Background**

This week's Bible reading focuses on the building of the first temple, Solomon's temple, in the 10th century B.C. That was 400 years before the Israelites began to rebuild the temple as recorded in the book of Haggai. Solomon was King David's (of David and Goliath) son. God did not allow David to build the temple, but he did commission Solomon to do so. Note how extravagant and massive Solomon's temple was.