

Zechariah's prophetic ministry coincides with and extends beyond the ministry of Haggai, which began in 520 B.C. Like Haggai, he wrote to encourage the Lord's post-exilic people to rebuild the temple in preparation for the person and work of Jesus Christ.

<p>Introduction return to the Lord</p>	<p>5 Visions to motivate the rebuilding of the temple</p>	<p>2 Sermons describing the people's sin & the Lord's grace</p>	<p>2 Oracles describing the Messiah's rejection, redemption and rule</p>
<p>1:1-6</p>	<p>1:7 - 6:8</p>	<p>7:1 - 8:23</p>	<p>9:1 - 14:21</p>

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The purpose of the book of Zechariah is the same as the book of Haggai: to encourage God's people to build the Lord's Temple . . . but Zechariah's style, scope and rationale are very different . . .

Zechariah's 4 more reasons why we should invest our time, energy and money in the building of the Lord's Temple, the local church, today:

1. The Lord has come as a _____ for His people. (9:9)
2. The Lord has been _____ to open a fount of forgiveness. (12:10-13:1)
3. The Lord is _____ His people. (10:8-12)
4. The Lord will _____ over all the earth. (14:9)

*Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him,
even those who pierced Him;
and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him.*

So it is to be. Amen.

—Revelation 1:7

Two Vital Responses . . .

1. _____ through _____ . (Zech. 1:3)
2. _____ here at Grace to invest _____.

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Questions for Growth Groups



CONNECTING with one another

In this 8th week of Spring Growth Groups, take time to connect and share life together. To get the conversation going you might ask this question . . .

What is most memorable about your childhood or high school years?

GRAPPLING with God's Word

1. Zechariah is one of the more challenging prophetic books, but it does clearly point us to the person and work of Jesus in some really significant ways. Share one personal takeaway from the message/text this week.
2. Zechariah writes for the same purpose as Haggai. What is that purpose and how do Haggai's and Zechariah's styles and approaches differ? How does Zechariah's vision of the Golden Lampstand in 4:1-10 relate to Zechariah's purpose for writing?
3. Everything that Zechariah foresaw lay in the future for him and God's people. But such is not the case now. Some of what Zechariah foresaw has happened. Compare Zechariah 9:9 and Matthew 21:5. What does Zechariah foresee and where do we stand in relation to this prophecy?

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4. Compare Zechariah 12:10-13:1, John 19:37 and Revelation 1:7. Where do we stand in relation to this prophecy? Has it fully been fulfilled?
5. Zechariah challenges his generation to rebuild the temple because it will set the stage for coming of Jesus. As we build the Lord's Temple, the church, today, what are we setting the stage for? (Remember, we're not talking building but making disciples.)
6. Looking at Zechariah's 4 more reasons for investing our time, energy and money in the Lord's Temple, the church, today, which is most moving, inspiring and motivating for you personally? How are you or how would you like to be practically investing in building the Lord's Temple, the church, today?

PRAYING together

Use Matthew 6:33 as the spark for your prayers again this week. Pray for our church and your own part in our GO & GROW vision as we step out to build God's kingdom in some new and stretching ways. Pray for the upcoming launch of Grace5Cities on October 4.

This Week's Household/Family Worship Challenge

Beyond your Growth Group this week, grab one opportunity as a household/family (roommates, spouses, kids, grandkids) to talk about the pleasures and pains of serving in the church. What sacrifices and costs are involved?