## The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – June 19-24 Doing Life Together – I Love my Church Pt. 3

MONDAY: Jeremiah 22:14, Matthew 6:33

KEY VERSE: Haggai 1:4

**OBSERVATION: KEY VERSE:** Haggai 1:5

**OBSERVATION:** Were the Israelites doing something wrong in this case? They sure were. What was their disobedience? Their lives were built around caring for their own families rather than God's concerns. What priorities in our lives have caused us to give less than we ought to God's work whether it be in money, time or effort? This is a question every family, church or individual will need to face some day.

TUESDAY: Haggai 2:15, Zechariah 8:10

**KEY VERSE:** Haggai 1:5

**OBSERVATION:** God gets our attention by actually withdrawing His blessings. Instead of blessings, we have curses. God wants to speak to our lives' situations. He actually tells us to consider our ways. This message can't be easily avoided. If everything is fine in our lives, then we think everything is okay. When things go difficult, we wonder whether God has a made a mistake, or that we have done something wrong. God is so intent on getting His people's attention in certain cases that He even influences the weather patterns!

WEDNESDAY: Jeremiah 12:13, Micah 6:15

**KEY VERSE:** Haggai 1:6

**OBSERVATION:** Haggai provides one key step in trying to figure out what God is doing when things get tough. He does not give us the total picture, but we need to start here in understanding how God sometimes works out His love in unexpected ways. You might be wondering how some ancient book could be relevant to your needs. You will be surprised how God can use the truths of Haggai to speak to your heart.

**THURSDAY:** Psalm 132:14, Haggai 2:7, Psalm 132:13

KEY VERSE: Haggai 1:8

**OBSERVATION:** God has no problem helping people to know how to serve and give. The biggest problem is getting His people to turn back from prioritizing his own needs first. The need is often the place we will find a solution. Problems arise when we are not positively affirming God's clear will.

FRIDAY: Malachi 3:11, Hosea 2:21

**KEY VERSE:** Haggai 1:11

**OBSERVATION**: God has a whole set of commands that are to help us regulate our lives. Anytime that we allow our own preferences to break His commands, we show that we do not worship God the Maker but man the created. We are idolaters. God sent the trouble that came upon the Israelites; it was no accident.

## **SATURDAY:**

KEY VERSE: Haggai 1:1-11

**OBSERVATION:** We are wise when we examine our lives as an inventory list to check out our faithfulness. Am I loving the people around me? Have I done what He has told me to do? Am I spending my money wisely? Eating out? Gifts? Buying binges? Are my hobbies or interests keeping me away from my time with God? We must remember that having difficult times doesn't automatically put a person in 'chastisement' mode. Chastisement is judgment with the purpose of bringing His people back closer to God.