

CHURCH FOUR19



Icebreaker



- Have you ever started a project full of excitement... then lost steam halfway through? What happened?
- Are you more of a "snooze button" or a "jump out of bed" person?



Discussion Questions



- The sermon asked, "What's stirring you right now?"—how would you answer that honestly?
- In Haggai 1, God's people started rebuilding but got distracted by life. What are some modern "paneled houses" that can pull our attention away from God's work?
- The message said, "The world can hype you up, but only God can stir you for a purpose." What's the difference between hype and a holy stirring?
- How do you usually respond when you feel restless—ignore it, overanalyze it, or act on it?
- God told the people to "give careful thought to your ways." What area of your life most needs that kind of pause and reflection right now?
- Which of the five reflection questions from the sermon (Priorities, Pace, Passion, Provision, Purpose) spoke to you the most, and why?
- The message said, "We get stirred up but never started up." What helps you move from feeling inspired to doing something about it?
- Think of a time when you obeyed a "small stirring" from God. What came out of that?
- When have you felt tempted to give up on something good God called you to do? What helped you keep going—or what could help next time?
- The message challenged us not to "hit the snooze button" spiritually. What's one area where you've been putting off obedience?



Thought for the Group



Sometimes God doesn't shout to get our attention—He stirs our spirit. That stirring is His gentle way of waking us up from spiritual sleep and calling us back to what matters most. In Haggai's day, God's people had started rebuilding the temple, but life got busy and their passion faded. Instead of condemning them, God stirred their hearts again, and they went back to work.

In the same way, God still stirs His people today. He places desires, burdens, and ideas in our hearts—not just for us to feel inspired, but to move us toward obedience. The stirring is meant to lead to action. It's not just about emotion; it's about alignment—our hearts lining up with God's purpose.

The Lord said, "Give careful thought to your ways." That means we pause and ask honest questions: Where am I giving my best energy? What has my pace been saying about my priorities? Have I been building my plans while neglecting God's?

When God stirs us, it may feel uncomfortable or inconvenient, but it's always an invitation. He's not trying to burden us—He's awakening us to something greater. Each "yes" we give Him, big or small, builds something lasting.



Next Steps



- Set aside 20 quiet minutes this week to "give careful thought to your ways." Ask God to reveal where your energy, priorities, and passions have drifted. Write down what He shows you—and be honest about what's been stirring in your heart.
- Choose one area of your schedule or mindset to shift from "doing a lot" to "building what lasts." Simplify your focus so your time and energy are invested in what aligns with God's purpose—not just what fills your calendar.
- Identify one thing God's been nudging you toward serving, reconciling, giving, or starting something, and take one concrete step of obedience this week.