



Keeping Focused

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith.” Hebrews 12v2

My KYB group is just finishing the KYB study on Haggai and Zechariah.

We have discovered many helpful truths and challenging lessons as we have studied God’s word together.

One big lesson was the need to stay focused on what God has given us to do.

In Haggai chapter 1, about 18 years have passed since the Israelites have returned from exile in Babylon to rebuild the temple.

They had started well with enthusiasm and purpose, but also allowed opposition and discouragement from the surrounding people to shift their attention and focus from God’s plan onto their own ideas and needs.

Distractions come in all shapes and disguises, don’t they?

Maybe it’s family, friends, work a hobby or social media.

Our lives are constantly bombarded with visual distractions and interruptions.

How many times do we get distracted by our phone call or a message coming through demanding our immediate attention? Like a moth to a light we are drawn away and our attention shifts.

I find these this happens more when I’ve tried to set aside time to spend with Jesus.

The Israelites in Haggai discovered they needed to return to the Lord and once again keep Him at the centre of their plans and lives.

God instructs them in v5-7 to consider their ways and get on with the task of rebuilding the temple.

As we also take time to consider our ways, let’s not make excuses, but instead get our priorities in order and refocus on our wonderful Saviour.