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A high-speed photograph of a glass of water splashing, with water droplets frozen in mid-air. The glass is partially filled with water, and the splash is dynamic and energetic. The background is a light, neutral color, making the water's movement the central focus.

Lessons from Leading a Group Through a Rough Season

Lessons from Haggai

- Temple during Solomon's time = pre 2020
- Babylonian captivity = 2020 - 2021
- Rebuilding the Temple = Currently

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Ezra 3:11-13

11 With praise and thanks, they sang this song to the Lord:

“He is so good!

His faithful love for Israel endures forever!”

Then all the people gave a great shout, praising the Lord because the foundation of the Lord’s Temple had been laid.

12 But many of the older priests, Levites, and other leaders who had seen the first Temple wept aloud when they saw the new Temple’s foundation. The others, however, were shouting for joy. 13 The joyful shouting and weeping mingled together in a loud noise that could be heard far in the distance.

Lessons we are learning

- Learning to live in the “now but not yet”
- Admitting that it’s okay to not be okay
- Look for ways to be a blessing to others

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Haggai 2:3-5

3 'Does anyone remember this house—this Temple—in its former splendor? How, in comparison, does it look to you now? It must seem like nothing at all! 4... Be strong, all you people still left in the land. And now get to work, for I am with you, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. 5 My Spirit remains among you, just as I promised when you came out of Egypt. So do not be afraid.'

Ways to help our group Pursue Christ

- Remembering
- Share openly about your own struggles and victories
- Use follow up questions to pry a little deeper
- Extra touch points
- Try to help them see how they can be a blessing

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