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**You Are God's Business.
Is He Your Business?**



The Clarion Call
...With Abiodun Fijabi



You can't say you don't want God in your business. Your life is intricately tied to Him. Having created you in His image, He has removed everything that can make you succeed while living independent of Him.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." John 15:5

His love for you led to His earthly sojourn and violent death on the cross. You were on His mind when He wept sorely at Gethsemane, when they spat upon Him, when they drove the heavy duty nails into his palms and feet and when they stripped Him naked.

You are constantly on His mind and He wants the very best for you. Your name is engraved on the palms of His hands (Isaiah 49:16)

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

You are in God's business. Even if you refuse to be in His. "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself." 2 Timothy 2:13

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So, not having Jesus in your business is dangerous. You will be like a sheep that has strayed, a light that has dimmed, a hope that is shattered.

You should go beyond having Jesus in your business to making Jesus your business. The reason is that you are His business. First, He created you in His image. You became a shearer of His nature. You received His breath and became a living soul. And by the blessing of Genesis 1:28, He put you in charge, and asked you to multiply, replenish, take control and exercise dominion. In essence, God placed you right at the centre of His creation. You are His business.

Making God your business will mean nothing else matters to you outside that which God desires. Jesus’ food “is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.” John 4:34. His entire life was spent in the pursuit of His Father’s will ;John 5:30).

Jesus is asking us to make Him our business. He bids us to go preach the Gospel and make disciples of all nations “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” Matthew 28:19. He is asking us to make Him our business by prioritizing seeking the Kingdom over and above every other thing. “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

The benefits of making God our business are immense. The promise that “all these things shall be added to you” should motivate us to put our hands on the plough on things that matter to God and His Kingdom.

My dear Haggai leaders. It’s time to make God our business. So, let’s get to work.

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From The CAROLINAS To The World

From The Carolinas To The World was an event organized by Haggai International in Greenville, South Carolina, to share the Haggai vision with partners and potential partners to raise support for world evangelization. The event was attended by the CEO (Dr. Bev Upton Williams and the Chief International Operations Officer (Mr. Lee Cunningham) among others. It was an evening to remember. The Haggai Nigeria Board Chairman, Engr Abiodun Fijabi was one of the two alumni invited to speak at the occasion.

This was an opportunity to showcase the evangelical impact made over the years by a select group of Haggai Leaders, from across the world and Africa was significantly represented to the glory of God.

There is no limit to what more can be done as we follow the leading of the Spirit.



Haggai National Seminar



NATIONAL SEMINAR, IBADAN

At the EAC Building, Independence Square, Awolowo Avenue, Bodija Estate, Ibadan; 19 new leaders were released and inducted following the successful completion of the just concluded National Seminar hosted by the Haggai Alumni Association in Ibadan, Oyo state.

The experience was captured most succinctly by one of the participants: “My eyes of understanding has been opened, and now, I have a new and better mindset on Giving, Leadership, Evangelism, Stewardship and Goal setting” - *Oyerinde Lydia Oluwabunmi*



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Congratulations to Ibadan Chapter, for all the work and prayers that went into the achievement of such an inspiring feat and for gearing up to repeat the same in the month of October. Its indeed the day of the Lord's Power and His people are eager and ready! Hallaluyah!

NATIONAL SEMINAR, JOS

Haggai Alumni Association, Jos Chapter hosted her National Seminar on the 9th - 15th of September, 2024 at the Retreat & Training Centre, Shaka Gold & Base, Jos, Plateau State.

The training which boasted over twenty (20) influential leaders around the city delivered on the assignment of equipping and positioning them to be even more effective in carrying out their evangelical ministry as Christian professionals & Clergies.



The Seminar which featured top Faculty members addressed and engaged the participants in critical areas of development and concern including Goal Setting, Communication & Relational Skills, Generation Next and so on. Congratulations are in order to Haggai Jos Chapter team, who stopped at nothing to ensure that Haggai Alumni Set 24 as they are fondly called had a transformational experience all week long. We trust God that the aftermath of this Seminar will be to His glory. Amen!



HAGGAI INTERNATIONAL

Haggai Leaders Experience, 2024

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Preliminary HLE Course (Part 1)

The preliminary part of the Haggai Leader Experience was successfully held last month. The event, the first of its kind was held virtually and had in attendance over 100 participants from 31 countries of the world including; Nigeria, Cameroun, Coloumbia, UAE, Cambodia, Eswantini, Panama, Malaysia, Philipines, to mention a few.

The course was managed by members of the Haggai Equipping Team and featured sessions like Gospel Scope, Stewarding Leadership & Gospel Mandate facilitated by Dorothy Kisaka (Uganda), Kovilan Moodley (South Africa), Ndiyoi Muliwana Mutiti (Zambia) and Wilson Osikoya (Nigeria).



From here on out, participants have the options of taking the Virtual HLE Course, which is purely online at a Cost of \$250 or joining the In-Person HLE Session (Malaysia), at a Cost (\$1,000).

To Participate in the Haggai Leader Experience, the following criteria are required:

- Education: A university degree from a recognized institution (postgraduate degrees preferred).
- Leadership: Demonstrated experience of 7+ years leading others in various settings.
- Age: Between 30 and 55 years old.
- English Proficiency: Ability to clearly communicate in spoken and written English.
- Citizenship: Residency in a developing nation (ineligible if permanent resident in USA, Canada, Australia, UK, or European countries).

For further inquiries, please contact the International Associate in person of Pastor Edwin George Okor on 0803 306 7311, or eddifying40@gmail.com.



HAGGAI REFRESHER COURSE, WARRI

The new Haggai Chapter in Warri roared back to life hosting a one day refresher course for her core Executive team. The meeting which was designed to re-align and immerse participants in the vision and trainings of the Haggai International turned out to be the much required spark it was expected to be as members (most of whom were already veteran haggai leaders) had the embers of their passion for evangelism fanned aflame all over again

This high impact meeting featured sessions on Haggai Vision & Mission, The Next Generation & Communication Skills. Evidently the participants were fulfilled as they gained clarity and were inspired for greater works in the Chapter and it environs. All Glory to God!

Putting Together A Successful National Seminar

Equipping leaders to be effective in evangelism is the bane of every Haggai Chapter and this is done through our highly impactful National Seminars locally and the Haggai Leader experience, internationally.

The quality of the experience delivered at these seminars plays a central role in the results our alumni eventually produce, hence, its imperative the requisite standards prescribed by the organization is maintained always. Here are a few things to keep in mind when hosting a seminar.

1. Start Early
2. Pray earnestly
3. Make due consultations with the National Office
4. Work with a team
5. Make publicity a priority
6. Delegate appropriately
7. Make arrangements with the training faculty ahead of time

The above list isn't exhaustive, however, its makes for a good start.



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