Discussion Questions

-What is the meaning of the vision of the golden candlestick?

-What is the significance of the candlestick throughout Scripture? Think of both the OT and NT. (reference Bible/ concordance/ word search)

-What is the significance of the following elements of the vision:

The light

The olive oil

The color gold

-The Holy Spirit is key to this vision (v. 6).

What element(s) of the vision represent the Spirit? Find Scripture passages that support that.

What characteristics of the Holy Spirit can we glean from the element(s) of the vision?

-The building up of the church is by the Holy Spirit. How does that shed light on the nature of church building? What is the right view of church building? Wrong views?

-What is the building up of the church? How does that take place today?

-What relevance/encouragement does this vision have for the exiles during the time of Zechariah? What relevance/encouragement does it have for us today?

-Where is Christ in this vision?

Specific questions, verse-by-verse

v. 1:

-Is there any significance to the fact that Zechariah was sleeping?

v. 5:

-What is the significance of Zechariah not understanding the vision?

v. 6:

-Who is Zerubbabel and why is he addressed specifically?

-“Not by might, nor by power”:

How can we derive this from the vision itself?

How was this instructive to the exiles in the time of Zechariah?

-“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit.” The sentence is incomplete, something is implied here. WHAT is not by might, nor by power, but by God’s Spirit?

-Significance of the names of God to this prophecy? LORD and LORD of hosts.

v. 7:

-Who is the “great mountain” referred to? What does it mean that the mountain will become a plain?

-What is the headstone, and the significance of it?

v. 10:

-Who is “they” that shall rejoice?

-What is a “plummet” and what is the significance of it?

-Who are the “seven” which are the eyes of the LORD? Cf. Zech. 3:9, reference Bible.

v. 11-14:

- Who are the two “anointed ones” (literally, “sons of oil”)? In connection with this question, read Revelation 11, focusing in particular on Rev. 11:4.