

8-2 Connect Group Lesson

Welcome

Opening Question: Who is your favorite cartoon character and why?

Worship

Word

Today we are going to take a quick look at Habakkuk. Habakkuk was struggling with the sin of his nation. The people were living in open sin and idolatry. Habakkuk's questions to God brought even more questions. This book is a great study of our struggle to understand God's work in a sinful world. In this study we are going to look at several short readings as an overview of the entire book.

Read Habakkuk 1:1-4

- 1) Why is the prophet upset?
- 2) What is his complaint to God?
- 3) Read **Jeremiah 7:1-11** (from the same general time) that troubled Habakkuk. For more background you can also read: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, Ezekiel 22:1-5, Jeremiah 32:32-35

Read Habakkuk 1:5-6

- 1) What is the Lord's response?
- 2) Who are the Chaldeans?
- 3) Read Habakkuk 1:2-3 and 2:1 to see the prophet's response.

Read Habakkuk 2:2-4 and 6-8

- 1) God responds to Habakkuk and shows that the Babylonians, also, will be judged for their wickedness. However, this judgment will come after Judah's. What do you learn from this response?
- 2) Look again at verse 4. What is the correct response of the righteous, even in difficult times?

Read Habakkuk 3:17-19.

- 1) Following his questions and answers, what is Habakkuk's response to God?
- 2) What stands out to you from Habakkuk's praise?

Digging Deeper:

- 1) We can struggle with both God's patience toward human wickedness as well as when He brings judgment? Why do you think we simultaneously struggle with God's judgment and patience?
- 2) How a person lives and responds to God is often revealed in times of distress. Why do you think this is so?

- 3) When times are tough or confusing, trusting God can be hard. What has helped you to grow in faith?
- 4) What else stands out to you from the study of Habakkuk?

Works

Take the time to pray for one another.

Pray for God to be at work in our community, that He would be drawing people to Himself.

Pray for the people in your life who need Jesus.