

Discussion Questions

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Sermon Outline

Righteous Living in Wicked Days *Habakkuk 2:1-20*

The Vision of the Righteous Life (Habakkuk 2:1-4)

- Yahweh answers Habakkuk's complaint with a vision. (2:1-3)
- Yahweh reaffirms the way of the righteous. (2:4)
- **Question:** Where are you being called not just to "believe," but to live in faithfulness (loyal, enduring, obedient) to God in covenant?

The Woes of the Wicked (Habakkuk 2:5-20)

- Woes against those who exploit by greed and unjust gain (Habakkuk 2:5-11)
- Woes against those who defile God's image through violence, sexual immorality, and idolatry (Habakkuk 2:12-20)
- **Question:** Where might you be tempted to confuse or excuse greed, violence or immorality with the righteous life? What steps might you take to distance yourself from compromise?

Bottom Line: The faithful God calls his people to faithful living even in evil days.

Talking Points

* In verse 1, Habakkuk takes a physical stand to wait for God's answer. What does "standing at the watch" look like for a believer today when they are confused or anxious about something?

* Share about a time when you disciplined yourself to wait on a word or direction from God, rather than acting immediately. Why can waiting be more difficult, even when your motives or intentions seem good?

* How does the "puffed up" desire of the arrogant differ from the "faithfulness" God requires of the righteous? Where in your life do you feel it is easy to become arrogant and puffed up?

* Verse 5 describes a person who is "never at rest" because of greed. Why does our culture often call this restlessness ambition or success?

* Where do you feel the greed of the grave in your own heart? Your finances? Reputation? Possessions? How are we as Christians supposed to deal with this greed?

* What does it mean to be in labor for "the fire"? How would your life look different if everything you did was with eternity in mind?

* The passage ends with "Let all be silent before Him." Why can silence be the most difficult response to give to God?

* Whether it is through patiently waiting, silence, obedience, or removing idolatry or greed from your life, how are you going to live a more faithful life to God this week? Who can you invite in to help encourage you and motivate you through this week?

Understanding Scripture

1. Read the passage aloud.

- Question: How would the original audience have understood this passage?
- Question: What was God's desire for them?

2. Reread key verse(s) aloud.

- Question: What does this teach us about the human soul, desires, or behavior?
- Question: What does this teach us about the nature, desires, or behavior of God?

3. Ask if anything is difficult to understand in the passage, or simply point it out yourself.

- Back up from the confusing verse and reread the whole section slowly—highlight the author's flow of thought.
- Ask everyone, "What are some possible interpretations?" Encourage curiosity!
- If needed, provide clarification, but admit if you don't have a satisfactory explanation, and volunteer to research answers. Share your findings over text or at the next meeting.

4. Summarize the passage in 1-3 sentences to refocus the group ("Okay, so far we've seen in Amos...")

- Question: What does this say about our relationship with God and/or each other?
- Question: How do the teachings, actions, or person of Jesus shed light on this passage?

Prayer Requests

