

## Habakkuk – The Reckoning Love of God

For the Love of God Series

Discussion Questions

- **Discuss:** Where do you see injustice:
  - Globally
  - Nationally
  - Locally
  - Personally

Which of those do you feel has the least chance of being resolved at any time in the future?

Why does it bother us so when we see people, groups, nations who've done injustices against others "get away with it"?

- **Read Habakkuk 1:1-4.** How does the prophet Habakkuk describe what is going on in his home nation of Judah?
  - What are examples of how things have gone south for Judah?
  - Who is he addressing and what stands out about how the prophet talks to this person?
  - What is Habakkuk's problem with God?
- **Read God's response in Habakkuk 1:5-9.** The Chaldeans (also known as the Neo-Babylonians) were an upcoming nation who would soon overpower the nations around them to be the most dominant empire in the world.
  - What does God tell Habakkuk he is going to do?
  - What does this tell us about God's use of people and things outside the church?
  - How does God describe the Chaldeans who are coming to destroy Judah?
- **Read Habakkuk 1:12-13.** How and why does Habakkuk struggle with this news of the Chaldeans coming to demolish Judah?
  - Have you ever struggled when it seems the "bad people" are getting the better of the "good people" and there's no remedy?
  - What would it feel like to live in a world with no reason for justice?

- **Read Habakkuk 2:2-4.** What does God tell Habakkuk to do? Why is waiting God's counsel to him?
  - Scholars highlight that "the end" is primarily a reference to the end of the age. Why would that be a comfort to Habakkuk?
  - What do we know about the end of the age that should comfort believers when they feel like the unjust get away with things?
  
- **Read Habakkuk 3:17-19.** How has the prophet's attitude changed in light of God's revelation to him about the ultimate destruction of the Chaldeans one day in the future?
  - What can we learn about our waiting for justice?
  - Why is waiting hard?
  - How does the gospel bring with it the implications for followers of Jesus to be for justice and work toward justice in the world? How does this tie into our gospel identity as CITIZENS of the KING?
  - What does this tell us about God's love for us that he will make all things right in the end?