

Group Questions – Habakkuk – Overcoming Evil

One of the meanings of Habakkuk's name is... *WRESTLE*

What causes us to WRESTLE with God?

In what ways have you WRESTLED with God this past year?

Read – Habakkuk 1:1-4

What were some of the things Habakkuk was witnessing in his nation?

In what ways are we witnessing similar things in our nation today?

In verse 2, Habakkuk claims that God is not listening to him cry for help.

What causes us to THINK that God is not listening to our cries for help?

What are some reasons why God might not do what we ask Him to do?

Read – Habakkuk 1:5-11

What is strange about God using the Babylonians to punish the Israelites?

Do you think God might still use wicked people to accomplish His goals today?

Can you think of a more modern example of God doing this?

ONE EXAMPLE – The Holocaust caused Israel to become a nation again

Read – Habakkuk 1:11-17

What is this 2nd “complaint” that Habakkuk has?

Can you share a time when God did something that made no sense to you?

Read – Romans 11:33-34

Since God's ways are impossible to figure out, how much time and effort should we put into understanding His decisions and His ways?

How do FAITH and TRUST enter in when we don't understand what God is doing?

Read – Habakkuk 2:1

In this verse, what does Habakkuk say he is preparing himself for?

Why is it important for us to prepare ourselves to be CORRECTED by God?

Read – Habakkuk 2:2-4

What does it mean that... “the just shall live by faith”?

How can the just live by faith in a world filled with wickedness?

“We live by promises, not explanations.” – Warren Wiersbe

How does that quote give us direction in our lives today?

Read – Habakkuk 2:14, and Habakkuk 2:20

How can these 2 statements of God encourage us in times of difficulty?

Read – Habakkuk 3:1-2

How has Habakkuk’s tone and focus changed from chapter 1?

Read – Habakkuk 3:16-19

Though things might not go exactly as Habakkuk would hope, how does he say he is still able to experience JOY?

Can you share a time you experienced JOY in the midst of difficulty?

Another one of the meanings of Habakkuk’s name is... EMBRACE

How can we EMBRACE what God is currently doing in our lives and world?

God can handle your tough questions. Approach Him with honesty and Faith, but not with the expectation that He owes you a response. Faith is not supposed to silence all your doubts so that you never struggle with them again; faith is meant to make sure of God and confident of His care - Skip Heitzig

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