

Text: Habakkuk 2:4-20

**Big Idea:** God is omnipotent. However we see a world with pain, loss and suffering. There are two very different approaches to try to reconcile this. One is to take matters in hand and try to elevate oneself. The other is to live by faith recognizing human limitation.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. In verses 5 12, Habakkuk describes ways the Chaldeans, motivated by pride, were trying to cover themselves in glory. Today, the culture tells us glory is defined by identity. What are some things the culture tells us give us our identity? How does a prideful heart encourage that?
- 2. Even in the "Christian culture", we can be distracted from our identity as followers of Jesus. Humility drives us to examine the heart, including our own. How can we guard against self-righteousness (pride) in our walk with Christ?
- 3. Read verse 20 again. God's sovereignty is our source of hope. Where do you see examples of God's sovereignty at work in your life? In the world around you?
- 4. Read verse 14 again. Knowledge of the glory of the Lord fills the earth. Recall a time when you had a sense of joy in knowing God's glory. What were the circumstances? Your feelings then? In recounting it, your feelings now?
- 5. Read verses 18 19 again. We must avoid idols, which are man-made constructs. What things in your life do you need to examine or watch carefully so they don't become idols? How does confidence in the Gospel help you do this?