



**Text:** Habakkuk 3:16-19

**Big Idea:** By recognizing the goodness of God apart from our circumstances, good or bad, we can experience authentic joy in the Lord.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. We can have joy in trials because God enables us. (v.19) Think of a time when you experienced a challenge or trial. How did it make you better? (more compassionate, empathetic, humble...) Where did God's power work in the process?
2. Joy is found in the midst of trials. (v.16) Read James 1:2 and compare to the verse in Habakkuk. How does sharing our feelings in the midst of adversity make us more authentic? Make our faith more real? How might that help us share the Gospel with others? If you have a personal example, please share it.
3. Rejoicing in the Lord is a discipline. In verse 18 repetition is used for emphasis. Think of a verse or verses you frequently read or study. How has your understanding of its meaning and application been enriched over time? (As an RLG consider a few passages you might like to study and discuss over the next few weeks)
4. We find true joy in Jesus. In Luke 10:20, Jesus tells his disciples (and us) to rejoice that our names are written in heaven. How does remembering that our joy is in Jesus help us when we are in challenging circumstances? In comfortable circumstances?