

# WHY, GOD?

## HABAKKUK'S BURDEN



**TEXT: Habakkuk 1:1-4**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Amazon Wish List** – As our building is being completed, we have an Amazon Wish List with some items to help outfit the Redeemer Kid's rooms and a few other areas. Please visit [www.redeemerchurch.com/nextsteps](http://www.redeemerchurch.com/nextsteps) for more info. We are also accepting certain gently used items. Contact the church office for more info.
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### **LEADING OFF...**

1. Has anyone ever studied the book of Habakkuk?
2. Why is it important to spend time studying this book and the idea of God's plan for our pain and suffering?
3. What keeps us from asking the age-old question, "Why God"?

### **BIG IDEA: GOD IS NOT AFRAID OF YOUR QUESTIONS.**

#### **Read Habakkuk 1:1**

4. What do we know about the historical context of Habakkuk?
5. How do we usually portray ourselves to others as we get to know them?
6. Discuss this statement: *For the believer, pain is a part of life, but pain should not define or shape our life.*
7. Why can the believer say this?

#### **Read Habakkuk 1:2**

8. What is interesting about the way Habakkuk starts this book?
9. Why is it important to voice our hard questions, both to God and to one another?
10. How does pop-culture Christianity not prepare us for suffering?
11. Read Psalm 13:1- Why is it important to voice our cries for help and what keeps us from doing so?
12. Psalm 13, Habakkuk's prayer and other passages in the Bible don't hide the hard questions. Why is this important?
13. In Mark 9:21-24 we see the desperate man asking Jesus to heal his son. What is interesting and encouraging about the way Jesus responds to him?

#### **Read Habakkuk 1:3**

14. Why is Habakkuk frustrated with God?
15. Why is knowing the character and heart of God so vital for the Christian?
16. What is dangerous about trying to live through pain and suffering in isolation?
17. How can we better live together in biblical community, helping one another through our pain and suffering?

**Read Habakkuk 1:4**

**18.** As we look at our world, we see these same things. What does this teach us?

**WRAPPING UP...**

**19.** Christians know that hope is in the person of Jesus. How can we better speak to our hope in the midst darkness? In other words, how can we live our lives in ways so that they are defined by hope?