



## ***Message Devotional & Discussion Questions***

**11/26/2023**

**SERIES:** Jesus Story: Habakkuk

**WEEK:** 3

**MESSAGE:** Habakkuk

**COMMUNICATOR:** Jenelle Wilson

**CHECKING IN:** How was your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's devotional & discussion?

**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS:** These questions work well individually or in a group. The goal is to encourage spiritual growth, enhance biblical community and live it in the world around you.

1. When the time comes for you to see God face-to-face, what are some questions you want to ask Him?
2. Read Habakkuk 1:1-4. How would you summarize Habakkuk's first question to God? How would you ask it in your own words today?
3. Where is the line between speaking honestly with God and speaking disrespectfully to God? How can we know when we are crossing the line?
4. When you reflect on the state of our world, and the dysfunction that runs rampant throughout governments, nations and families, how does that affect your view of God? What are some of the challenges that reflection brings to your faith?
5. Read Habakkuk 1:5-6. How does God answer Habakkuk? What is surprising or unsettling about God's answer?
6. Which is your tendency—silent sufferer or bitter broadcaster? How has that been working for you? What would help you have a response to difficulties that potentially brings more glory to God?
7. On a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high), how would you rate your ability to be patient when you have to wait? What are some strategies you have found that help you wait patiently for God to act? What is one thing you are waiting for God to do?
8. Read Habakkuk 3:17-19. Adapt those verses using modern language and images and discuss what it might mean for us today. What feels barren in your life right now?
9. Why can our response to major difficulties be that of verses 18-19? How do you get there and how do you sustain this perspective?
10. In Habakkuk we see judgment and wrath proclaimed over the Israelites for their many sins. Trials often come our way either as a result of sin or as a result of God making us more like himself. How have you seen value in your suffering? Discuss how having and expressing joy in the midst of trials (See Philippians 4:4; James 1:3) can transform your life.
11. Read Colossians 1:13 and 2:13. What reasons has God given Jesus followers to trust Him and to worship Him? Make a list and in your prayer time thank him for those reasons.



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12. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific. \_\_\_\_\_

**WANT TO GROW DEEPER?** We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out and explore the *Experience God* page. Go to [canvas.church/experience-god](https://canvas.church/experience-god) or *Experience God* on the App.

### **GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:**

- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right, it can be out loud or in silence,** if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

**Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email [rickz@canvas.church](mailto:rickz@canvas.church)**