

# Hope in the Dark (Week 1)

## Craig Groeschel – 29 September 2019

### Key Scriptures:

*How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. ... Habakkuk 1:2-4 NIV*

*Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwellings not their own. They are a feared and dreaded people ... they all come intent on violence. ...” Habakkuk 1:5-7, 9 NIV*

*LORD, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, you will never die. You, LORD, have appointed them to execute judgment; you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish. Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves? Habakkuk 1:12-13 NIV*

### Discussion and Questions:

1. Did you grow up in an environment where you felt safe to bring doubts and questions to God?
2. Why do you think it can feel scary to question God? How do you think questioning God can become a strengthening moment for your faith?
3. Read Habakkuk 1:2-4. Describe a time when you found yourself wrestling with God. During a time that was difficult, how did you continue to embrace God in the middle of the trial?
4. Who do you have around you to pray with you and support you? How can they be praying for you right now?
5. Spend some time identifying things you might need to wrestle with God over so you can embrace His love for you. Share these as a group.
6. Ask someone to pray and stand with you as you let your pain, doubts, and difficulties drive you to God.

### Upcoming dates:

- Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> - SwitchKids Holiday Programme
- Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> – Open Home
- Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup> – Night of Worship
- Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> – LifeSwitch Christmas Event