



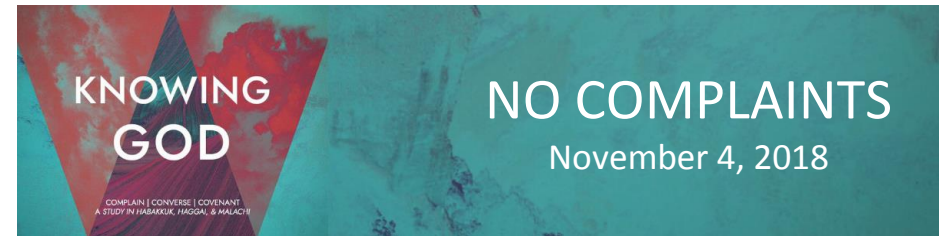
As the discussion leader, here are a few things to keep in mind for your Life Group: • **Pray** for your group discussion time! • **Review** your notes from Sunday's message and familiarize yourself with the discussion questions prior to your group meeting. • **Choose** a few questions from the guide which you feel will generate the most discussion in your group. For questions with multiple parts, answer the first part before reading the next part to the group. These questions are designed to build on the answer of the previous part before moving on.

Getting to Know Me

Have you ever had hope in a situation that seemed hopeless? Describe this event and what caused you to still have hope.

Exploring the Word – Habakkuk 3:1-19

1. As you listened to the message, what points stood out?
2. Read Habakkuk 3:1-6. Habakkuk begins to change his posture from complaint to praise and worship in these verses. Is it possible to complain and praise God at the same time? How can praising God help change our perspective even if we don't understand our circumstances?
3. Read Habakkuk 3:7-15. Despite what is happening around us, it is important to remember that God is sovereign. What are some things that Habakkuk reflects upon that God has complete control over?
4. Despite God's sovereignty, why does evil still occur in this world? What is the ultimate purpose of God displaying his mighty power?
5. Read Habakkuk 3:16-19. Even though Habakkuk's circumstances don't change, what does he choose to do? What can we learn from these verses?
6. The name Habakkuk means "to embrace." Reflect upon what led Habakkuk to eventually embrace his circumstances. How can our faith increase through grappling with God about things we don't understand?



Habakkuk 3:1-19

I. Seeing instead of being seen (vv. 1-6)

- Habakkuk learned the difference between listening and hearing.
- Complaint stunts the growth of a relationship from recognition to appreciation.
- Prayer and worship result in peace because we see God.
- When we take our eyes off God the result is worry and complaint.
- We do not see God unless we are in awe of his goodness.

II. Listening instead of being heard (vv. 7-15)

- The world is in chaos because of our sin.
- God is redeeming us from our brokenness.
- God redeems us through our tragedies.
- Discipline is the evidence that justice matters as much as grace.

III. Knowing instead of being known (vv. 16-19)

- The ability to wait and listen in silence is to lovingly trust.
- Knowing God means we trust God to make all things right.
- Joy and worship are not circumstantial.
- Knowing God is allowing room for him to be our source and strength.