



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

How do you communicate your thoughts and feelings with God? Are you honest with him? Why or why not?

Exploring the Word – Habakkuk 1:1-11

1. As you listened to the message, what points stood out?
2. Read Habakkuk 1:1-4. What prompted Habakkuk to question God? Could we have similar concerns about our present culture?
3. What were Habakkuk's first two complaints? Was he justified in complaining?
4. Read Psalm 4:4. Is it wrong to feel angry? What is the proper response to anger?
5. Read Habakkuk 1:5-11. How did God respond to Habakkuk's complaints? Did he listen to him?
6. What did God tell Habakkuk were his plans? How did he depict the Babylonians?



Habakkuk 1:1-11

I. The selfishness and immaturity of complaint (vv. 1-2)

- The premise for any discussion of God is that he is relational and good.
- The basis of relationship is communication.
- Complaining is immature and selfish communication.
- Complaining selfishly accuses rather than respectfully seeking to understand.

II. The cost of complaint (vv. 3-4)

- "How long" presumes superiority of perspective.
- Complaining fails to diagnose the root of a problem.
- Complaining lacks the motive and power to provide solutions.
- Actual questions and discussion require listening and a desire for collaboration.

III. God's response to complaint (vv. 5-11)

- Complaint seeks to manipulate the other into agreement.
- God was gracious but forthright in his response to the complaint.
- Situations are always more complex than a single perspective.
- Prophecy is never new information.