



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 been around a person who complained incessantly? If so, how did you handle it? Would you handle it the same way today?

Exploring the Word – Habakkuk 2:2-20

1. As you listened to the message, what points stood out?
2. How do we know that God has truly listened to Habakkuk's complaints thus far? Should you listen to someone even if you don't agree with them? How can listening help to improve relationships?
3. Read Habakkuk 2:5-8. Why is the worship of wealth dangerous? What are some indications that a person is worshiping wealth?
4. Read Habakkuk 2:9-11. How can worshiping comforts, such as building "big houses," lead to complaint? How does this contrast with worshiping God? How should we respond to a Christian who is a "comfort complainer"?
5. Read Habakkuk 2:12-14. How can worshiping God help dissuade us from complaining about the government? What does complaint about the government reveal about us?
6. Read Habakkuk 2:15-16. The worship of sex does not honor the fact that God created people in His image. How should Christians view sex?
7. Read Habakkuk 2:17-20. In what ways do we honor God by taking care of the environment?
8. How should we respond to a Christian who chronically complains in any of these areas? What if we are the ones complaining?



Habakkuk 2:2-20

I. The worship in our words (vv. 2-4)

- Faith in Jesus results in justification before God.
- Encouragement and validation should precede correction.

II. The worship of wealth (vv. 5-8)

- The worship of wealth results in discontented complaint.
- Wealth is worshiped when our peace is affected by what we have.
- Greed complainers need to be challenged with gratitude.

III. The worship of home (vv. 9-11)

- Worship of home results in complaints of prideful comparisons.
- Comfort complainers need to be reminded God is their Source.

IV. The worship of government (vv. 12-14)

- Anger towards others who have different political views reveals that our identity is derived from government.
- Government complainers need to be challenged with God's sovereignty and inclusive transcendence.

V. The worship of sex (vv. 15-16)

- Sexual complainers need to be reminded of the soul aspect of sexual expression.
- Sexual complainers need to be reminded that beauty is bestowed.

VI. The worship of consumerism (vv. 17-20)

- Worship of consumerism results in poor stewardship.
- Complainers eventually need to be asked to be silent.