

Discipleship Group Weekly Resources

Week 12

Passage: Habakkuk 3

Big Thought:

We have been in Habakkuk and this whole short book is very interesting in how Habakkuk deals with his anger, doubt and frustration. We don't see him accusing Israel, he addresses God. His struggle is with God. He is basically asking "God are you good when there is so much evil in the world?" This book is a lament much like many of the Psalms.

Habakkuk points out to God the injustice and evil being done, like God isn't aware.

In chapters 1 and 2, we see an argument between Habakkuk and God. Habakkuk complains to God.

1. Habakkuk cries out to God to let him know that the Torah isn't being followed, there is evil and injustice and Israel's leaders are tolerating it.

a. What is God's response to Habakkuk's first complaint? (1:5-11)

2. Habakkuk has a problem with God's answer and demands an explanation.

a. What is God's response to Habakkuk's 2nd problem? (2:2-5)

In chapter 3, Habakkuk offers a prayer in response to what God has just told him. We see Habakkuk describe this future defeat of evil as a future Exodus. This past exodus becomes an image of a future exodus. Pharaoh and Babylon are representative of an empire of oppression and violence. In the past exodus, we know that God defeated evil, brought justice to Israel, and rescued the oppressed and innocent.

The end of chapter 3 shows Habakkuk living by faith even though he is frustrated and angry with the Lord. His faith is in the fact that God loves this world more than Habakkuk does and is firm in his mission to rescue humanity and restore creation.

- 1. How does Habakkuk end his prayer? What kind of relationship does Habakkuk seem to have with God?**
- 2. How do you think Habakkuk reached this level of intimacy to trust God with his anger, doubt and frustration?**
- 3. In what ways are you like Habakkuk? In what ways do you need to grow your faith to look more like Habakkuk's?**