

Passage: Habakkuk 2:1-4, 20

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ²And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

²⁰But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him."

Background

At the end of chapter 1, the prophet Habakkuk is in the "dip" of life. What he knows about God and what he sees happening around him simply does not make sense. God responded to his complaints with unexpected news of using a wicked and pagan nation (Babylon) to discipline the people of Judah for their unfaithfulness. With that shocking news, Habakkuk gets alone so that He can hear God more clearly. Today, Pastor David will call our attention to the ways in which Habakkuk looked to God for the answers he desperately needed. May each of us be encourage that waiting is not a passive activity, but an active and obedient HOPE in the promises of God.

Service Notes

What is your biggest takeaway from today's message?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Instructions

This discussion guide is to help you facilitate a conversation with your small group. The “Getting Started” section serves as a quick opener and introduction to the group conversation. In the “Talk it Over” section, feel free to use all or only some of the questions. Again, our hope is to have meaningful and encouraging conversations around the passage used in the sermon, not simply answer all the questions. Give each member of your group opportunity to respond. Take your time. Finally, the “Live it Out” section is to help identify a specific next step. Use these questions as a guide to find practical ways to apply the passage to our everyday life.

Getting Started

- ▼ What stood out to you in the message? What is one thought from the message that made you hopeful? What prompted questions? How can we pray for you this week?

Talk it Over

- ▼ **Read Habakkuk 2:1** Habakkuk got alone with God in order to hear (see) Him clearly. Do you have a place (or time) dedicated for ‘listening’ to God? If so, what is it? If not, why not? What is the greatest hindrance for you right now in seeking God? How often do your prayers to God include time to ‘listen’ for His response? Why is silence before God good for us even if it makes us uncomfortable?
- ▼ **Read Habakkuk 2:1-2** Why would God ask Habakkuk to write down the vision? How could writing down our prayers or what God is teaching us consistently help our spiritual growth? How have you seen this play out in your own life? Who (or what) are the loudest voices vying for your attention and allegiance right now? What are the most fundamental ways God ‘speaks’ to us? How often do you put yourself in a position to hear from God?
- ▼ **Read Habakkuk 2:2-5** God reminds Habakkuk that the “righteous will live by His faith.” Why would this verse (vs 4) be a great encouragement to Habakkuk? God goes on to show the ways in which the Babylonians wrongly trust in themselves. What does it look like practically to “live by His faith” in your life?

Live it Out

- ▼ What is God saying to you today? In what area of your life do you need God to speak into specifically?

