

Passage: Habakkuk 3:1-2, 17-19

¹A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth.

²O Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear.

In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.

¹⁷Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

Background

In our final week in the book of Habakkuk, we find the prophet's response to God's revealed plans for both the people of God and the Babylonians (Chaldeans). As he reflects on what God has shown him, Habakkuk offers a beautiful prayer - remembering what God has done - which leads to an honest moment of praise - worshipping God for who He is and what He will do! As followers of Christ today, when we find ourselves wondering if God truly sees us or cares about the chaos around us, may we be encouraged to look back at the ways He has been faithful in the past so that we can move forward with a grateful heart ready to praise Him!

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 3:1-2.** What do you believe Habakkuk means when he asks God to “in wrath remember mercy?” In what specific ways have you seen God show “mercy” to you in your life? How does the Lord’s Supper illustrate God “remembering mercy?”
- ▼ **Read Habakkuk 3:17-19.** How does this final prayer (chapter 3) compare to Habakkuk’s opening complaint (chapter 1)? How has Habakkuk’s perspective changed? What would it look like “take joy in the God of my salvation” in your daily routine? In what specific ways has God been your “strength” in the last week?
- ▼ How does sharing the Lord’s Supper (Communion) give each of us an opportunity to “remember” what God has done? What are other ways we can practice “remembering” during our week?

Live it Out

- ▼ In what ways is God working in your life right now? In what ways can you apply this week’s message to your life this week?

