

“Praying With Habakkuk About Injustice”

Habakkuk 1-3

Introductory Question

Q¹ – What have you found troubling in life, or in the news, recently? Why?

Discussion Questions

- 1) **Read Habakkuk 1:1-11.** What is Habakkuk’s complaint? Why does he complain to the LORD?
- 2) What is the Lord’s answer to Habakkuk’s complaint (vv.5-11)? What do you find most helpful or puzzling about the Lord’s answer?
- 3) **Read Habakkuk 1¹²⁻²¹.** How does Habakkuk respond to God’s answer to his first complaint? Why?
- 4) Ezekiel 3¹⁰⁻¹¹ provides a summary of the prophet’s basic role of acting on God’s behalf to hold the people accountable to their covenant commitments. What change(s) does Habakkuk make to this job description and why (2¹)?
- 5) **Read Habakkuk 2²⁻²⁰.** What instructions and council does the LORD give in verses 2-5, and why?
- 6) Compare 2⁴ with Romans 1¹⁶⁻¹⁸ and Galatians 3¹⁰⁻¹⁴. What use does Paul make of this famous passage to speak a new word to a new generation?
- 7) After Israel’s deliverance at the Red Sea, Moses and Miriam led the people in a victory song (Ex. 15). What different about the “taunt” song in Habakkuk 2⁶⁻²⁰? What good news does it contain?
- 8) **Read Habakkuk 3.** How does Habakkuk’s prayer in chapter 3 compare to his earlier prayers/laments? What has changed and why?
- 9) Which of God’s deeds in the past (vv.3-15) do you want him to “revive...in our day”?
- 10) What evidence or reason does Habakkuk have for rejoicing (vv.16-19)?
- 11) We know what Habakkuk prayed because he wrote them down. Do you write down any of your prayers? If not, try writing a prayer as a group or do it personally and share them this week.