

# Small Group Guide



## Opening Prayer

Begin by asking God to help your group understand His faithfulness and learn to trust Him even when circumstances are difficult or confusing.

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## Ice Breaker

Share a time when something happened that you didn't understand or that seemed unfair. How did you respond?

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## Key Takeaways

1. Faith is not a problem to solve but a way of life - Living in right relationship with God means trusting what we don't see or understand.
  2. What lasts is what brings God glory - Everything else is temporary. The nations exhaust themselves for nothing, but God's purposes endure.
  3. God is still on His throne - Even in chaos, God is ruling and reigning. "The Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him."
  4. The answer to our anxiety is God Himself - Not explanations, not understanding the plan, but knowing and looking to God.
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## Discussion Questions

### Understanding the Text

1. What was Habakkuk's situation? What made his confusion and fear so intense?
2. Read Habakkuk 2:4. What does it mean that "the righteous person will live by his faithfulness"? How is this different from how the Babylonians lived?
3. What were the five "woes" God pronounced on the Babylonians? What do these tell us about God's values and what He opposes?

## Going Deeper

4. God told Habakkuk to "write down the revelation" and that "though it linger, wait for it" (2:2-3). Why is waiting so difficult? What helps you wait on God?
5. The sermon mentioned that "removing God's rule and reign...does not lead to peace but to chaos, death, and dysfunction." How have you seen this play out in the world? In your own life?
6. Verse 2:14 says "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." How does this future promise help us deal with present difficulties?
7. Read Habakkuk 3:16. Habakkuk's physical response to fear was intense - trembling, weakness, quivering lips. Yet he chose to trust God anyway. What does this teach us about faith and fear?

## Personal Application

8. Jim Elliot said, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." What are you holding onto that you cannot keep? What eternal things could you gain instead?
9. Habakkuk wanted answers, explanations, and justice NOW. God said, "Look at me." When have you experienced God being enough even when you didn't get the answers you wanted?
10. In Habakkuk 3:17-18, the prophet says "though" five times before declaring "yet I will rejoice in the Lord." What are the "thoughts" in your life right now? Can you add a "yet" to them?

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## Practical Applications

This Week:

1. Practice "Looking to God" - When anxiety or confusion arises this week, pause and intentionally redirect your focus to who God is rather than demanding answers. Journal about the difference this makes.
  2. Identify Your "Thoughts" - Write out your own version of Habakkuk 3:17-19. List the difficult circumstances ("though...") and then declare your choice to trust God anyway ("yet I will rejoice...").
  3. Climb the Watchtower - Set aside time this week to step back from the chaos and seek to hear from God through prayer and Scripture. What is He saying to you?
  4. Examine What Lasts - Take inventory of where you're investing your time, energy, and resources. How much goes toward temporary things versus eternal things that bring God glory?
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## Memory Verse

Habakkuk 3:17-18 "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior."

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## Closing Reflection

Habakkuk's story reminds us that faith doesn't mean the absence of fear or confusion. It means choosing to trust God even when our "bones are jelly" and our "legs are trembling." The righteous live by faithfulness - steadfast trust in God even when we don't see or understand.

Closing Question: How is God calling you to live by faith this week, even in the midst of circumstances you don't understand?

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## Closing Prayer

Pray for each person in the group, specifically:

- For courage to trust God even when afraid
- For eyes to see that God is on His throne
- For strength to rejoice in the Lord regardless of circumstances

- For faith to believe that knowing God is enough