

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

HABAKKUK

These questions are for the **October 11, 2015** sermon, "O Lord, How Long?" Please read the sermon passage (Habakkuk 1:1-11) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

SEEK GOD REGARDING . . .

1. **The injustices we face** (1-4)
 - A. When you face injustices, ask good questions (2-3)
 - i. Resist the urge to intervene for God. Learn to wait on him.
 - ii. Be faithful to God while you wait on the answers to the "why" questions.
 - B. When you face injustices, make good observations (3b-4)
 - i. When a nation is disconnected from God's moral law, injustices will come.
 - ii. When a person is disconnected from God's moral law, justice will be perverted.
2. **The intervention we need** (5-11)
 - A. Even in the midst of injustices, God is doing amazing work (5)
 - i. We naturally look at the injustices (v. 3), but open your eyes to what God is doing.
 - ii. Most people won't believe that God is at work--they can't see it. They won't see it.
 - B. In the midst of injustices, God uses surprising workers (6-11)
 - i. Yes, God will use unbelievers to discipline his own people.
 - ii. God used unbelievers (like Herod & Pilate) to bring Jesus to the cross.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: In what way do you feel as though you are waiting for God to do something while your nation rejects his moral law? Which of your "Why" questions are currently unanswered?
2. Based on #1, above: Would you say that you are faithfully waiting on God to act? What have you learned about what you should DO while you wait? What have you learned about what you should FEEL while you wait? What have you learned about BEING FAITHFUL while you wait?
3. Based on #1, above: Habakkuk starts out with a heavy burden of "O, LORD, how long . . .?" How has your prayer life been affected by your nation's rejection of God?
4. Based on #2, above: It is natural for us to focus on the negative things that our eyes see in our land (v. 3). But Habakkuk quickly turns his eyes to the good works that God is doing and will do in the midst of injustices (v. 5). What good things is God doing in the world today? Where is his kingdom present? How can we be for mature "verse 5" kind of people, even while we acknowledge "verse 3" kinds of injustices?
5. Based on #2, above: God can use ISIS or "Conservatives" or "Liberals" or any unbeliever to accomplish his purposes. How does this impact your thinking and prayer life?