

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

## HABAKKUK

These questions are for the **October 18, 2015** sermon, "I Will Take My Stand" Please read the sermon passage (Habakkuk 1:12-2:1) together out loud.

### Sermon Outline:

WHEN LIFE SEEMS UNFAIR, CONSIDER . . .

1. **God's nature, and our relationship to him** (1:12a)
  - A. Do not start with what seems unfair, start with the character of God.
  - B. Do not complain to friends, cry out to God.
  - C. Consider God: he is everlasting and all-wise, and he is "my God."
2. **God's plan, and our questions for him** (1:12b-13)
  - A. Injustices will be seen and experienced by God's people.
  - B. But God's people will not be destroyed ("We shall not die").
3. **God's justice, and our trust in him** (1:14-2:1)
  - A. When you lack an explanation from God, cultivate your relationship with God.
  - B. The reign of earthly kings is always temporary. God reigns forever.
  - C. Take your stand in faithfulness to your heavenly king. Remain alert at your watch-post!
  - D. Every injustice will be vindicated. Keep your eyes on your faithful God.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: It is easy to stray away from the character and person of God when we experience injustices. We easily begin to focus on the injustice instead of our eternal and just God. How can you regain your focus on God and his faithfulness even while you see injustice?
2. Based on #1, above: How do you receive comfort and encouragement from the fact that this everlasting God is "my God" (he belongs to you, and you belong to him)?
3. Based on #2, above: We gain perspective when we stop focusing only on ourselves. God will make his name glorious by preserving his people ("We shall not die."). How can focusing on what God is doing with his people (rather than just you) change your perspective about injustice and suffering?
4. Based on #3, above: When we become frustrated with God because he has not met our expectations, we often distance ourselves from him. But the Scriptures teach us that we should do exactly the opposite. How can you draw near to God even when you lack an explanation for why you are experiencing injustice and trials?
5. Based on #3, above: Have you resolved that you will take your stand, and remain faithful at your watch-post while you await God to bring justice? How can we pray for you about this?