

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

HABAKKUK

These questions are for the **October 25, 2015** sermon, "The Faith Factor."
Please read the sermon passage (Habakkuk 2.2-20) together out loud.

1. The key verse in this passage is Habakkuk 2.4: "...The righteous shall live by his faith." What does that mean? Restate verse 4 in your own words.
2. Read verse 2. Pastor Gary argued that everyone is "running"—either *for* God or *from* God. In what ways have you seen this in your own life or in the people around you?
3. Define the doctrine of *justification by faith*. Why is this doctrine so important in the Christian faith? How does this doctrine compare with other religions?
4. How does *justification* (a one-time legal declaration) relate to *sanctification* (the life-long process of become more like Jesus)?
5. Do you find it easy or difficult to believe that, despite everything you've ever done wrong (or will do wrong), you can be declared righteous—just as if you never sinned?
6. Recall the "five woes" to the Chaldeans (Hab. 2.6-20). Which woe(s) stand out to you? Why?
7. When you consider the great cost Jesus was willing to pay to offer you forgiveness, how does it make you feel? What would you like to say to Jesus in response?