

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

HABAKKUK

These questions are for the **November 8, 2015** sermon, "Behind Us, Before Us, Part 2." Please read the sermon passage (Habakkuk 3:8-15) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

TRYING TIMES ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR . . .

1. **Reviewing the past as we examine the appearances of God** (8-11)
 - A. God has shown up and led his people through the Red Sea and the Jordan River.
 - B. God's people pass through "impassable waters" because of God's strength and mercy.
 - C. Do not simply work harder. Do not fear. And do not keep God's miraculous power in the past.
2. **Previewing the future as we await the Anointed One of God** (12-15)
 - A. Jesus Christ has come, and it is certain that he will come again.
 - B. He will set everything in order, judge the guilty and receive God's people.
 - C. God's previous appearances give us hope as we await his future appearance.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: God himself brought judgment on his enemies--and his own people had to endure some of the symptoms and problems. They were put in scary situations. Talk about the reality of Christ showing up during the Plagues, the Exodus and the 40 years of wilderness wanderings. Talk about his power in showing up and parting waters in delivering His people.
2. Based on #1, above: The complainers among God's people were regularly held up as an example of what not to do. During trying times they grumbled, criticized and whined about God's seeming lack of action. When you face trying times, what action do you take to make certain that you will not grumble, criticize and whine?
3. Based on #1, above: Without complaining, tell us about your current "impassable waters." How can we be praying for you? How does God's faithfulness and strength (in the past) encourage you to trust him in this situation?
4. Based on #2, above: Ultimate deliverance is not about perfect peace in this life. Preview a future where Jesus Christ returns, the unrepentant are eternally judged and Christ reigns perfectly in power forever. How does knowing that Jesus Christ will reign affect your current impassable waters? How does it affect your worrying, your grumbling? Your criticizing?
5. Based on #2, above: The unrepentant will be judged and will face an eternity apart from God. Among the unrepentant, who are you reaching out to and praying for? How can we pray?