

Bethany Church
Small Group Notes in Habakkuk
When God Answers Habakkuk Part 3
August 9 – August 15, 2015

Reminder - The book of Habakkuk is a very special look at the mind and heart of a prophet. Books about the prophets and their prophecies vary in the amount of information they give. The stories of other prophets often record the happenings of the time, how the prophet delivered the word of the Lord, and/or even the response of those who heard the message. In Habakkuk we have a much narrower focus. We are allowed to observe the intimacy of conversation between God and Habakkuk. This different approach is even highlighted by the absence of Habakkuk delivering God's message, within the context of the book. Our focus is therefore drawn to Habakkuk as we identify with the essential complaint he presents, that God would allow the evil sinners to flourish. **That perspective though, is shaped by the greater context of when God answers, because He does and He will!**

As a group read - Habakkuk 2:2-20

Discuss

1. Habakkuk 2:2 - Why do you think God told Habakkuk to write down His answer? What does this tell you about God's chosen way to communicate with us?
2. 70 years after the vision is recorded, on October 13, 539 B.C., the great Babylon fell to the Medo-Persians. In the end, all will be judged. How does knowing what happened yesterday help us live with hope today? (Read Habakkuk 2:3, Hebrews 10:37-38, 2 Peter 3:8-10, and Revelation 22:20)
3. What about Habakkuk 2:5-20 reminds you of our world today?
4. There seems to be a lot of similarities between the world of Habakkuk and our world today. What solutions do various groups (even Christian ones) offer to make the world a better place? What, according to Scripture, is the only solution?
5. Do you think the warnings of God and the natural consequences of our sin are powerful enough to deter us from hurting ourselves or those we love? Why or why not?
6. What is the difference between particular "sins" and the spiritual condition of sin? How can an unbiblical, or narrow, view of sin impact our view of salvation?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 10:31. Is it safe to say anything that does not glorify God is sin? How will asking a question like, "Does this glorify God?" impact all of our decisions, thoughts, attitudes, etc.?
8. We are built to worship God. We have a worship disorder; it is called idolatry. Idolatry occurs when we make anything but God our ultimate joy or glory. How do people make relationships, money, sex, jobs, and even family idols? How do you?
9. Ironically, what happens to the things we love when we find more meaning and joy in those things rather than in God? Give an example.

Pray as a group to close