

## The 12: Habakkuk Part One

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### Reflection & Discussion Questions

#### **Many of the best followers of Jesus have had a crisis of faith**

Habakkuk is in a crisis of faith and has some really hard questions for God.

\*Tell about a time you had doubts or a crisis of faith.

\*Can you name what tends to cause doubts? What is the thing that throws you?

#### **Habakkuk's thing centers around when God doesn't work the way we think He should**

Read and discuss Habakkuk 1:2-11 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> *How long, LORD, must I call for help,  
but you do not listen?*

*Or cry out to you, "Violence!"  
but you do not save?*

<sup>3</sup> *Why do you make me look at injustice?  
Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?*

*Destruction and violence are before me;  
there is strife, and conflict abounds.*

<sup>4</sup> *Therefore the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never prevails.*

*The wicked hem in the righteous,  
so that justice is perverted.*

<sup>5</sup> *"Look at the nations and watch—  
and be utterly amazed.*

*For I am going to do something in your days  
that you would not believe,  
even if you were told.*

<sup>6</sup> *I am raising up the Babylonians,  
that ruthless and impetuous people,*

*who sweep across the whole earth  
to seize dwellings not their own.*

<sup>7</sup> *They are a feared and dreaded people;  
they are a law to themselves  
and promote their own honor.*

<sup>8</sup> *Their horses are swifter than leopards,  
fiercer than wolves at dusk.*

*Their cavalry gallops headlong;  
their horsemen come from afar.*

*They fly like an eagle swooping to devour;*

<sup>9</sup> *they all come intent on violence.*

*Their hordes advance like a desert wind  
and gather prisoners like sand.*

<sup>10</sup> *They mock kings  
and scoff at rulers.*

*They laugh at all fortified cities;  
by building earthen ramps they capture them.*

<sup>11</sup> *Then they sweep past like the wind and go on—  
guilty people, whose own strength is their god."*

\*How do you see Habakkuk press in to his struggles of faith? How is this instructive for us in our own?

\*When is the last time you asked God a hard question like this?

\*How have you seen God work when you show up as you are with Him?

\*What do you see in His unsatisfying answer to Habakkuk?

#### **Sometimes security allows us to tolerate some really bad things**

When those in power feel untouchable, they are always slow to act on behalf of the powerless.

\*How has the security I've experienced blinded me? What is the value of kinship with the vulnerable?

\*When has an experience with suffering softened or hardened you?

\*Where might he be giving you grace with relationship instead of answers right now?

#### **Visual reflection (Visio Divina)**

##### **Song for reflection**

[Habakkuk Cries Out](#) by Gustav Dore

[Let It Burn](#) by Red