



Growth Group notes

“Prayer and Promise” – Leader’s Notes
Habakkuk 3 – *Week of November 10, 2019*

This week’s reading plan: Habakkuk 1-3

This week’s memory verse: Habakkuk 2:20

But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.

To view the introductory video: Go to lomavistacc.com, “communities”, then “growth groups”, and click on the link under “current series”.

Background: This book was written just a short time before the fall of Judah at the hands of the Babylonians. The wickedness of God’s people and of the Babylonians is condemned. Following His judgment, the promise of God to forgive His people and the importance of their faith is lifted up. Chapter 3 was written as a hymn for congregational gatherings.

Discussion:

1. In Habakkuk 1:3, the prophet asked God, “Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?” What was God’s purpose in delaying His judgment on the unrighteous? (See Habakkuk 2:3-4; Romans 5:1-5 & James 1:2-4) **God waits to give the unrighteous time to repent and to develop the faith of those who trust in God.**
2. How did Habakkuk demonstrate and affirm his faith in God? **He stayed focused on who God is and what He has done (vs. 2-4, 13), and He chose to wait for God to bring judgment and deliverance (vs. 16-18). He rejoiced in the Lord (v.18).**
3. What promise was given for those who remain faithful to the Sovereign Lord? **God will give us strength and will bestow His blessings upon us (v.19).**
4. Why do you think this passage was written as a song to be sung during times of corporate worship? **Answers will vary. We are encouraged and built up by our times together. See also Hebrews 10:23-25.**



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5. How can we remain strong in our faith when we live in difficult, challenging times? We can take the same steps as Habakkuk: stay focused on God rather than our troubles, give praise to God for who He is and for what He has done, and make corporate worship and fellowship a priority. Additionally, prayer and scripture reading are a great help to our faith.