

Habakkuk 1 - Discussion Questions

Scripture: Habakkuk 1

1. Habakkuk looked honestly at the violence, injustice, and spiritual deterioration around him. Why is it important for Christians to recognize the brokenness of the world without becoming cynical or hopeless?

2. What are some ways Christians can gradually become accustomed to sin or cultural brokenness that once would have grieved them?

3. The sermon states, "Faith doesn't require us to pretend that things are better, but to be honest about the situation and believe that God is still in control." What does that kind of faith look like practically?

4. When Habakkuk became frustrated with what he saw around him, he took his concerns directly to God. Where are we most tempted to take our frustrations before we take them to God?

5. God told Habakkuk that He was already at work, even though Habakkuk could not see it. Why do we sometimes interpret God's delay or silence as inactivity?

6. Can you think of a time when you later realized that God had been working in a situation even though you could not see it at the time?

7. God's use of the Chaldeans was completely unexpected and troubling to Habakkuk. What does this teach us about God's sovereignty over people, nations, and circumstances?

8. How can we affirm that God may use broken or sinful people to accomplish His purposes without using that truth to excuse sinful behavior or unqualified leadership?

9. In Habakkuk 1:12, Habakkuk identifies God as "my God," "my Holy One," and his Rock before he has received all the answers he wants. Why is remembering who God is so important during seasons of uncertainty?

10. What does it mean to “trust the process” when following God, especially when His direction is different, slower, or more difficult than we expected?

11. Which is most difficult for you personally: recognizing brokenness without becoming discouraged, taking your questions to God, trusting that God is working beyond what you can see, or holding on to God without having all the answers? Why?
