**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who*, *What*, *Where*, *When*, *How*, *Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

## 1) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

a) Where does life not make sense to you? If you could ask God any "how long" question or "why" question what would it be?

b) In the confusion and pain of living in a broken world, lament is a life line for our faith. Have you ever practiced lament or biblical complaint? Why or why not?

## 2) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) As you read Habakkuk 1:1-11 what character traits of God stand out to you? How does this passage give us a strong look into the sovereignty/control of God?

b) Do you believe that God can use evil to accomplish good? Why or why not? Where have you seen God do this in your own life?

**3)** What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ? a) How does this passage point forward to the cross? How might v.2-4 be on the lips of Jesus? How might v.5-11 describe those who crucified Christ? Describe us?

b) God doesn't answer Habakkuk's specific questions, but he does answer the bigger questions of life – 1) Is God in control? 2) Does God love us? How does the cross answer these two biggest questions of life?

# APPLICATION

a) Where in your upcoming week do you need to trust the control and love of God? Try to be specific.

### FIGHTER VERSES: Galatians 3:10-14.

#### PRAYER

Praise God for his control over all things, good and bad, and his great love for us. Complain to God if you need to – what questions do you need to boldly lay out before him? Ask God to point your focus toward the cross as the proof of his love and control in your life. Ask God to change you even if he doesn't change your circumstance.