

Sermon: Wrestling and Waiting By Faith
Series: *Habakkuk: From Why to Worship*

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:12-2:5
Date: February 21, 2021

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 do you find yourself waiting on God? What has made your waiting difficult?

b) Read 1:13. Habakkuk struggles with self-righteousness. He can't understand how the "less righteous" can be used to punish the "more righteous." But God says "None is righteous." Where have you seen this same kind of self-righteous comparing creep into your thinking?

2) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) We must recount God's character as we lament life's troubles. What character traits of God does Habakkuk run to in this passage (1:12-13)?

b) Habakkuk trusts God's commitment to his people. Where have you seen God's commitment to you over this past year/month/week?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Read 2:4. First, how does this important verse give us a preview of Jesus? And second, how does it point to the gospel of grace?

b) How does knowing that Jesus waited patiently for you on the cross allow you to wait patiently for his return?

APPLICATION

a) Habakkuk goes to the watchtower and takes up his post in faith. Where do you need to "take up your post?" What acts/attitudes of faithful waiting do you need to recommit to this week? How will humility be required in order for you to take these steps?

FIGHTER VERSES: Galatians 3:10-14.

PRAYER

Praise God for his salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ's righteousness alone – not our own righteousness.

Continue to complain to God while also recalling his character.

Ask God to recharge your heart and mind in faithful patience.