

## Taking It Home

Habakkuk went through a process of questioning God, followed by a time of remembering the works of God on behalf of his people. This brought him to a realization, a decision, a resolve to have faith in God, no matter what his circumstances looked like. When everything feels like sinking sand, when nothing makes sense and your troubles seem too immense to bear, make a choice to trust God. Like Habakkuk, decide to say “I will be joyful in God my Savior.” Habakkuk’s whole attitude was changed, and because of that he believed that God would take him to heights beyond his own strength to achieve. Even if you are in the midst of dire circumstances, decide today to have faith in God, faith in what he can do, but even more importantly, faith in who he is. He is worthy of our praise, our adoration, our trust, our confidence, our all.



**Life group lesson—Habakkuk**

**Week of 3/8/15**

### **Quick Review:**

What insight, principle or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye opening or troubling?

### **My Story:**

1. Was there ever a time that you felt that God was asleep at the wheel? If so, what were your emotions towards God then?

## Digging deeper:

The book of Habakkuk opens with the prophet complaining to God. Wisely he chooses to take his complaints directly to God. It shows us that it's within human nature to question when things don't seem to be going as they should, and God understands our emotions and our questions. Habakkuk prophesied at a time when it seemed like Judah was on the edge of disaster. The northern kingdom had already been carried away, and now another powerful army was on the rampage and threatening to overtake Judah. If God had given the land to Israel, would he now take it away? Habakkuk was distressed by the inactivity of God in his failure to rescue his people, and also by evil people seeming to avoid the consequences of God's justice. In the face of so much evil, God remained strangely silent. This book gives us a picture of a frustrated prophet, like Jonah, but unlike Jonah who fled from God, Habakkuk lets his frustration lead him to prayers, which eventually leads to him to praise God for who he is.

1. Habakkuk is unique among the prophets. Most prophets spoke to the people for God. Habakkuk spoke to God for the people. Look at Habakkuk 1:1-4. Discuss the questions the prophet has of God. Have you ever questioned God? Do you think God will be angry with Habakkuk?
2. Read Habakkuk 1:5-11 and discuss God's answer. What would be puzzling to Habakkuk in God's answer?
3. Read Habakkuk 1:12-17. What does this passage tell us about the nature of God? What question does it raise for Habakkuk?
4. Chapter 2 of Habakkuk lists five woes that will come on Babylon. Discuss the woes and the consequences of them.
5. Read Habakkuk 3:1-15. How does reciting God's miraculous deeds in the past help Habakkuk anticipate deliverance in his day?
6. What can Habakkuk 3:16-19 teach us about faith?