

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of September 17-23, 2023

“WHEN WE SEE GOD”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What's something you used to be afraid of as a child that seems silly to you now?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Habakkuk 3:1-15

1. Habakkuk begins this passage with a declaration that he has heard of God's work and is afraid. What do you think prompted this sense of fear, awe and wonder in the prophet's heart? Can you share examples of how the fear of the Lord has guided your decisions and actions?
2. Why do you think Habakkuk wrote chapter 3 as a psalm that was probably meant to be sung by the Jews? What truths does Habakkuk want to remind the Jews as they sang this song? How does awe and submission play a role in your worship (whether personally or corporately)?
3. Habakkuk speaks of God's work being revealed "in the midst of years." Reflect on how God's faithfulness and work have been evident throughout the years of your life. Are there specific moments or seasons in your life where you have witnessed God's faithfulness in a profound way? Share them to the group.
4. Habakkuk's song shows a readiness to embrace God's plans and purposes. How does a Christian prepare his/her heart and life to be receptive to God's will? What attitudes or practices help you stay open and responsive to God's leading? How does it impact your own perspective on life's trials, frustrations and difficulties?
5. Consider the imagery used in verses 3-15, such as God's radiance, lightning, and the trembling earth. How do these descriptions convey a sense of God's majesty and might?

6. Consider Oswald Chambers' quote: *“The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else.”* Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

7. NEXT STEPS

“The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else.” (Oswald Chambers)

- ☐ I will fear God more than man or my situation.
- ☐ I will surrender and submit to God's plan.
- ☐ I will remember who God is especially when I face trials and troubles in life.

Don't forget to:

- ☐ Go through the devotionals every day this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.

CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a healthy fear of God, an attitude of surrender to his will and a mindset of his majesty and power.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

September 18	Habakkuk 3:1-2
September 19	Habakkuk 3:3-15
September 20	Genesis 32:3-15
September 21	Joshua 4:15-24
September 22	Genesis 39
September 23	Malachi 3
September 24	Hebrews 10:19-25