

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of October 8-14, 2023

“WHEN GOD IS PERSONAL”

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.

Describe your whole week in one or two words and explain why?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Habakkuk 3:16-19.

1. Habakkuk describes his own physical reaction to the revelation of God's impending judgment. Have you ever felt physically affected by stress, fear, or anxiety? How can you hold onto your faith and trust in God's sovereignty, even when circumstances seem overwhelming? If you can, share some experiences.
2. Despite his fear and trembling, the prophet acknowledges that he will wait quietly for the day of trouble. What does this say about Habakkuk? What personal application can you think about here when it comes to “waiting” in general as well as “waiting for the day of trouble”?
3. The prophet describes a scenario of complete loss and devastation, yet he declares his intent to rejoice in the Lord. What was your initial reaction to this? How do these verses challenge your own perspective on contentment and joy in the midst of difficulties?
4. Reflect on the idea that joy in the Lord is not dependent on favorable circumstances. What are some ways you can cultivate joy that transcends the ups and downs of life?
5. In this verse, the prophet acknowledges that his strength is found in God's sovereignty. How does this apply for you in your current personal context?

6. Share specific highlight(s) that you have learned from this series on Habakkuk. How has this drawn you closer to Jesus?

7. NEXT STEPS

We can trust the person of God even when we can't grasp the plan of God.

- ☐ I will rest in God's timing and plan when he calls me to wait.
- ☐ I will rejoice in the Lord, and find my strength in him, even in times of scarcity or hardship.
- ☐ I will trust in God's sovereignty as my source of strength no matter what situation.

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 patience, a joyful heart, and the faith to surrender your circumstances in the sovereign hand of God.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another..
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- 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

October 9 Habakkuk 3:16
October 10 Psalms 62:1-8
October 11 Habakkuk 3:17-18
October 12 Genesis 16:1-16
October 13 Habakkuk 3:19
October 14 Hebrews 12:1-2
October 15 Philippians 4:4-7