



HABAKKUK 1:12-2:4

GETTING STARTED...

“How come evil gets away with it?” Once again as we listen into this conversation Habakkuk is complaining to God that those who commit greater evil always seem to get away with it and even thrive! As we look at the world around us, it is not hard to find examples of the same pattern in our day. As we examine both Habakkuk’s response to God and his answer, we find that our view of things is often too small. God is patient but not idle. God reminds the prophet that true life is only given to those who by faith place their trust in God. While it may seem for a moment that evil gets away with it, those who by faith have trusted in God’s mercy will find salvation.

READ THE TEXT: HABAKKUK 1:12-2:4

- 12 Are you not from everlasting,
O Lord my God, my Holy One?
We shall not die.
O Lord, you have ordained them as a judgment,
and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.
- 13 You who are of purer eyes than to see evil
and cannot look at wrong,
why do you idly look at traitors
and remain silent when the wicked swallows up
the man more righteous than he?
- 14 You make mankind like the fish of the sea,
like crawling things that have no ruler.
- 15 He brings all of them up with a hook;
he drags them out with his net;
he gathers them in his dragnet;
so he rejoices and is glad.
- 16 Therefore he sacrifices to his net
and makes offerings to his dragnet;

for by them he lives in luxury,
and his food is rich.

¹⁷ Is he then to keep on emptying his net
and mercilessly killing nations forever?

2 I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

² And the Lord answered me:
“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³ For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

1. Put into your own words Habakkuk's 2nd complaint to God (vs 1:12-2:1). Where does he show confidence in God? Where does he question God?
2. What is God's answer Habakkuk's question?
3. How does 2:4 get interpreted throughout the rest of the Bible? Look at Romans 1:16-17, Galatians 3:11, and Hebrews 10:38 and compare.

REFLECTING ON THE SERMON

4. What was the main point of the sermon?
5. What has God been applying to your heart from the sermon?

APPLYING THE POINT

6. How can we remain confident in God's promises when we are waiting? How can we wait well?
7. Do you ever feel jealous of an unbeliever's lifestyle? How do the promises of God change our perspective on the easy life that is sometimes portrayed?
8. Why is salvation by faith such a significant promise both to Habakkuk and to us?

PRAYING & SHARING

1. How can you share what you have learned with... another believer? An unbeliever?
2. Share and pray for one another in your life group. How can you specifically pray for and encourage one another in response to this text?



How to Use this Guide

This guide is intended to help facilitate Promontory Small Groups as they meet to understand the Bible passage, discuss the sermon, and how to put it into practice in our lives. What is contained in this guide is not an exhaustive text analysis nor a full list of questions that can or should be asked during Small Group. This is simply a guide to help **start conversations that are centered on the Word of God.**

The Small Group Guide is separated into three main sections that are arranged with an intentional order: *Understanding the Word*, *Reflecting on the Sermon*, and *Applying the Point*. We want to first understand the Word of God, and then check that understanding by what has been preached, and then discuss how to put it into practice in our own lives. The order is intended to imitate the process of how the Word of God makes changes in our lives. Head, heart, hands, and all of it wrapped in prayer.

Our goal is not that you answer every question in this guide, but that you are able to discuss the Word of God in a way **that helps everyone follow Jesus together!**

*“Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.” - Psalm 111:2*