

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Have you ever read the book of Habakkuk before?

What did you hear in the sermon that surprised you?

Have you ever talked to God like Habakkuk? How did it feel?

Pastor Mike spent some time discussing the problem of evil. Did you agree with what he had to say? What has your experience been talking about evil with others?

What hurt or pain are you experiencing right now?

What lessons have you learned through your hurt and pain?

When have you seen God's goodness in your life's struggles?

**WHAT WE GET FROM HABAKKUK IS THE IDEA THAT
WHEN WE **SUFFER**, WE HAVE A CHANCE TO BE
FAITHFUL. INDEED, WE NEED TO LIVE BY FAITH IN THE
PROMISES OF GOD EVEN WHEN – ESPECIALLY WHEN –
THINGS ARE **HARD**.**



WEEK 2

HABAKKUK

VIDEO RECAP

Small Group starter videos can be found on the Christ Church website under small group resources.

SERMON RECAP

Habakkuk's Story

What we Learn from Habakkuk

BIBLE EXPLORATION

MOST PEOPLE DO NOT SPEND THEIR DAY LAUGHING. MANY ARE STRESSED OR DEPRESSED, HARRIED AND FRUSTRATED.

Read out loud -Habakkuk 1:1-13

Notes about the reading

A man named Habakkuk lived close to 3,000 years ago.

He is one of the twelve minor prophets. He lived during the final decade of Israel's southern kingdom – just before her defeat and exile.

It was a time of idolatry, injustice and suffering. It was also a time where Habakkuk saw the rising threat of Babylon.

Unlike other prophets, Habakkuk doesn't accuse Israel of doing things wrong.

This is a unique book. Instead of speaking to the people, Habakkuk speaks to God

He calls for God to act and take care of Israel.

God's response is not what he expected

He continues to appeal to God to act.

Questions

What accusations is Habakkuk making to God within his questions in verses 2-4?

How would you answer his questions in verse 3?

Verse 5 is God's first response, and he appears to be getting ready to help. How do you feel about his reaction in verse 6?

What do we learn about God in his response to Habakkuk?

Habakkuk is persistent in his appeal to God. What can we learn about how we can talk to God?

SOME OF THE HARDEST THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO US WE LATER SEE AS SOME OF THE BEST.