

Fellowship Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of February 25, 2024

Navigating Unexpected Detours | Habakkuk 1:1-11

Opening Connection: *Go around the room and ask each person to give their name and answer. The Discussion Leader is welcome to make-up a question.*

Question Ideas:

- When you take road trips, are you the “let’s move quick and get there” type, or the “let’s stop frequently for random things” type?
- What’s your most memorable road trip you’ve taken? Why was it memorable?
- Can you think of a time in your life when you thought to yourself, “God, what are you doing?”
- Can you share a time when you had to face an unexpected detour? What did you learn?

Sermon Text and Content Question Ideas: *Discuss the content of the text and ask your own follow-up questions as the discussion unfolds.*

- Open up to Habakkuk 1:1-11. Ask a volunteer to read it out loud.
- What were your initial thoughts when we read this passage?
- What is an oracle? (v. 1)
- What is the tone of Habakkuk in verses 2-5? Why is this significant?
- How does Habakkuk start off this conversation with God? What’s his complaint? (v. 2-4)
- Why do you think God allows us to see trial, trouble, and injustice? If God is who He says He is, why can’t He just remove it all?
- Do you think Habakkuk is doubting God? Why or why not?
- How does God start His reply in verse 5? What is significant about it?
- How is God planning to address Habakkuk’s concerns of injustice? (v. 6-11)
- How are the Babylonians described?
- Do you think this is the answer Habakkuk was hoping for? Why or why not?

Discussion/Application Question Ideas: *Focus now on applying the content of the message to our lives.*

- Have you ever felt like Habakkuk in verses 2-4? Could you share an example?
- Why do we often struggle with trusting God in the midst of uncertainty?
- What do verses 2-4 reveal to us about how we should and should not pray?
- What stuck out to you the most about God’s response to Habakkuk?
- What does this passage teach us about God’s character, plan, and purposes?
- What does this passage teach us about how we should respond to unexpected detours?
- Has God ever answered a prayer in a way that you wouldn’t have chosen or expected?
- How do you want to think, feel, and live differently in light of this passage? What do you want to change in your life?

Prayer Together

- Ask for a volunteer to be the last person to pray, and have a time of prayer together, with a few different people praying. Pray for God’s Word to bear fruit in your lives, in light of what you have discussed.