

Supplemental Questions for The Twelve

Habakkuk

When God Goes Silent (Introduction)

- Have you ever wanted to ask God, “Where are You?” during a difficult time? When?
- What is the most difficult thing about praying to God when we have so many questions about a situation we are in? What kinds of things might we ask God during those times?

Speaking My Language (Habakkuk 1:1-4; Psalm 10:1, 17-18)

- The purpose of Habakkuk’s questions concerns God’s ways being set aside as well as with the prophet’s own experiences. How does the purpose of our questions to God reflect our concern about God’s ways over our own experience?

An Unexpected Answer (Matthew 7:1-5; Habakkuk 1:5, 6-11)

- It can be easy to want God to deal with brokenness and sin in the world around us but not to open up our own lives to His work. Is it important to start with ourselves first in praying for change and for God’s redeeming work in the world around us?

We Shall Not Die (Habakkuk 1:12; Job 23:8-10)

- If we ask God hard questions, are we OK if He gives us tough answers?
- Things might have to change when God steps in to deal with sin and brokenness, but God doesn’t change. Though God may lead us through difficult days, what are some qualities about God’s eternal character that we can lean on?

IGBOK (Habakkuk 2:4; Galatians 2:15-16, 3:11)

- “The righteous shall live by faith.” What does that verse mean to you now considering the terrible times in which it was given?

Pretty Creatures Do Ugly Things To People (Habakkuk 2:18-19, 20; Isaiah 55:8-9)

- Idolatry can be very subtle. What kinds of idols do you see people turning to today in seeking pleasure, fulfillment or blessing?
- At no point does God take idolatry lightly. It is deceptive and damaging, and idols never deliver on what they promise without emptying us in the process. How do running after idols and following Jesus have nothing in common? How is one pursuit the enemy of the other?

A Song For The Ages (Habakkuk 3:2, 3:17-18)

- What is the most striking thing about an attitude of praise to God even in the face of hardship and want?
- Remembering God’s goodness to us in the past is central to making it through difficult times in the present. When have you had to look back on God’s faithfulness to you in the past during a critical time recently?

