

SERMON SERIES DISCIPLING GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

What is a main takeaway from this weekend's message for you personally? Why does that strike a chord with you?

READ TOGETHER

Read **Habakkuk 1:1-4 & 1:12-13**. These are Habakkuk's complaints. God's apparent inactivity and why the wicked prosper. Why was he complaining about these things? Do you see this as relevant in your life these days?

Read **Habakkuk 1:5-6 & 2:2-20**. These are God's replies. Why would these answers seem so insufficient to Habakkuk?

Read through the entirety of Chapter 3. What motivated Habakkuk's change? That he would switch from complaining to worship and trust? What are significant things you notice in Habakkuk's response?

FOR DISCUSSION

Ryan talked about three invitations that we have as Followers of Jesus:

1. **Lament** - Why is the role of lament so critical? Is there something in life or faith that you are lamenting? Is there a place in life where you have no answers? Have you lamented in the past? What did this look like for you?
2. **Honesty** - Why do we sometimes feel that we cannot be totally honest with God? Ourselves? Others? If you were to give a "ruthlessly honest", one word descriptor of how you are really doing these days... what word would you choose?
3. **Decision** - Habakkuk 2:4 is the anchor verse for the entire book. At the end of the day we are left with a choice: Will we express faith in the midst of unanswered questions? What helps us express this faith? How do we know God is trustworthy?

When we say Jesus "is" our abundance, what do we mean? How has this abundant life looked like for you - specifically in the times of life that you lacked answers or understanding?

PRAYER

Take some time to pray. There may have been some things shared that are very real and difficult. Enter into prayer alongside those who shared asking for God's grace, mercy, presence and comfort in the midst of difficulty. And like Habakkuk, still call out for help, but also declare trust that He is good and cares for us through everything - even the things we just don't understand.