Scripture

Habakkuk 2:2-5 English Standard Version (ESV)
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.
5 “Moreover, wine is a traitor,
   an arrogant man who is never at rest.
His greed is as wide as Sheol;
   like death he has never enough.
He gathers for himself all nations
   and collects as his own all peoples.”

Discussion/Journal Questions

Read Habakkuk 2:2-5. At times, it is helpful to read a passage in two or more different English translations. If you have a translation other than the ESV (printed above) read this passage and note any differences. If you do not have another English translation biblehub.com or biblegateway.com are helpful sites. What differences do you notice between different translations? How does this help you understand the passage better? What questions does it raise?

In the sermon, John mentioned the human desire to be “in the know.” How comfortable or uncomfortable are you with not knowing or understanding something? How does not knowing make you feel?

God appears to be contrasting the way of life of the proud and the righteous. How does the proud man live? How does the righteous man’s life different?

How do you understand righteousness? If you need help, a helpful resource can be found here: https://www.gotquestions.org/righteousness.html.

How do you understand faith? In the sermon, John said, “Faith is completely relying on another person to something that you could never do for yourself.” How does this affect your understanding of what it means to have faith in Jesus?

John shared a way of thinking about saving faith using ABCD. What were the the four words connected with these letters? Could you use this to help someone understand the gospel?
“Real faith leads to a solid foundation in the midst of a shaky world.” How does faith in Christ provide you with a foundation during this season?

Who do you know that could use this good news about a solid foundation in Christ? How will you go about sharing this good news with them?