

Community GROUPS

Small Group Discussion Guide

Habakkuk: Week One

Opening Prayer

Group Connect

- 1) Share something about yourself with the Group.
- 2) What is something you look forward to in this Group?
- 3) How are you currently feeling? *Downcast? Joy-filled? Weary? Well?*

Discover

WHAT GOD IS SAYING

Read:

*One person reads **Hab. 1:2-4** out loud in the group.*

- ? What is your reaction on first hearing this Scripture?
- ? What does this passage say about God, Jesus, and people?

Read and Look Again:

Have someone else retell the Scripture in their own words.

- ? What take-aways do you have from the sermon on *Habakkuk* this past weekend that connects with this passage?

Doing

WHAT GOD IS SAYING

Life Connection:

Give everyone a quiet minute to consider...

- ? What in me needs to be opened to **DO** what God is showing me today?
- ? How will you respond to this passage and/or the sermon message in a tangible way in the next three days?

Give everyone one minute to share their answers. Invite someone to record these for prayer time, and for the beginning of the next meeting.

- ? What are some of the questions, doubts, fears and joys you have that needs to be shared with God? Are there some of these that could empower others to do the same if you shared them?

Sharing

WHAT GOD IS SAYING

Relational Connection:

- ? Who in your life needs to hear this Scripture or message from this past week?
- ? Who could you invite to join you in a short discussion using these questions?
- ? Who do you think would benefit by an invitation to this group next week?

Praying Together

Who has an additional prayer request for this week?

Weekly ROAD MAP

Reread

Re-read the **Hab. 1:2-4**. Read through it several times using a different translation on Biblegateway.com.

Record and notice what stands out to you each time.

Ask yourself:

What might God be telling me through this story?

See how the answer changes over the number of times you read through the Scripture.

Worship

Attend any of the online worship gatherings this coming weekend. Consider inviting someone to attend with you.

Ask yourself:

What key take-aways do I have from the message?

What part of the message challenged me the most?

How can I apply it to my life? How can I support others in a similar way?

Pray

Focus your prayer on some of the things you are questioning, struggling with, doubting about, or filled with joy for this week. Don't be afraid to be open and honest--God desires this in your relationship with God.

Extend that prayer for as a community--that we would grow more comfortable with sharing doubts, questions, struggles, and joys with one another in authenticity and vulnerability together.

Reflect on

What is happening currently around you that is leading you to ask some serious questions?

Where might be some places in your life where you are struggling with doubts or pain?

What are some of the things that are bringing joy to you through this all?

Challenge Yourself

Share with one other person what God is saying using the Community Group Guide to help you. Challenge yourself to create space for someone else to share with you. Need help? Reach out to Pastor Ben. ben_rush@coswired.org.