

Honesty

Habakkuk // Week 1

1. In Habakkuk Chapter 1, the prophet prays to the Lord. What is the tone of his prayer?
2. In v.1-4, Habakkuk laments to the Lord about the wrongs in his world. Do you see any of these wrongs in the world today? Or in your own life or the lives of those you know?
3. Referring to v.2, how long do you think Habakkuk has cried out to the Lord already – any guesses? Read Luke 18:1-8. What do you think causes the widow, and Habakkuk, to keep up their crying out?
4. In v.5-11, God finally answers Habakkuk. The Lord has already planned the judgment Habakkuk asks for, and He shares with the prophet His plan. What do you think of God's answer? Does He answer Habakkuk's request?
5. God refuses to control His human creatures; He made and willed them to be free. Here, He plans to check their violence through external means, by bringing an even more violent people against them. When the Savior comes, how does the Lord effect change in people from within?
6. Look back at Habakkuk 1:12-17, where Habakkuk again speaks to the Lord. In v. 12-13a, what language does Habakkuk use that shows him to be a faithful and humble man?
7. As we read on in v.13, it sounds like Habakkuk is not entirely satisfied with the Lord's answer. How does his continued prayer show him to be a faithful and bold man? What other alternatives would he have than to continue his outrage and lament?
8. In the sermon, Pastor Gabe called this response by Habakkuk "humbly pressing in" to the matter with God. He acknowledges God as God, and then goes deeper, asking for more, showing both freedom and confidence. Read Ephesians 3:8-19. On what basis did Paul "press in" to preserve the church? What is your reason to pray in the same way?
9. Looking back at Habakkuk 1:15-17, Habakkuk is lamenting that this new nation, in pride and violence, seems to prosper as well. Do you resonate with Habakkuk's complaint? Is he right to make it?
10. Look ahead to Habakkuk 2:1. How does this attitude of Habakkuk's further show us his relationship with God?