

HOW TO STICK WITH GOD WHEN THE WORLD IS MESSED UP

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. Have you or anyone you know struggled with their faith because they saw the injustice of the world? How did they handle it? What happened to their faith?
2. Glance over Habakkuk 1. Look at the sections where Habakkuk is talking to God (1:2-4, 12-17). Count how many question marks there are. What does this tell you about how we should talk to God?
3. Look at Habakkuk 1:2-4. Make a list of the things Habakkuk is complaining to God about. What does this tell you about the things that should trouble us?
4. Why is it sometimes hard to be honest with God about our complaints? How does voicing your complaint to God keep you close with him?
5. In Habakkuk 2, God declares five “woes” over different groups of sinners. What does it mean for God to declare “woe” over someone? Why is that a good answer to Habakkuk’s complaint?
6. Read Habakkuk 2:20. In context, why is all the earth “silent” before the Lord? (Hint: It’s not a peaceful, restful silence.) What has silenced them? Why is that a good thing?
7. God reassures Habakkuk that he will deal with evil, but Habakkuk still has to wait, because it hasn’t happened yet (Habakkuk 3:16). Why is it hard to wait on God? What helps you wait for God to act?
8. Imagine you are an ancient farmer. Read Habakkuk 3:17. How would you feel? How would your family feel? Now read Habakkuk 3:18. How can someone in that circumstance say that? How do you become the kind of person who can say that?

PRAYER PROMPT: Go around your group and pray prayers of lament. Tell God about the things that trouble you and raise questions. It may help to start off by finishing the sentence, “God, why...” or “God how long...” or “God, what are you going to do about...” After time in lament, go around the group and pray prayers that reaffirm your trust in God’s character regardless of the circumstances.