

HUG IT OUT!

HABAKKUK 1:1-11

- Although God's Law is IGNORED and justice is perverted, HISTORY is in God's hands. 1:1-4

- God is at work in history with PURPOSES and ways BIGGER than human minds can grasp. 1:5

- God uses the WICKED to accomplish His good purposes... 1:6-11
 - Even though they are HOSTILE. 1:6
 - Even though they are HAUGHTY. 1:7
 - Even though they are HASTY. 1:8
 - Even though they are HARMFUL. 1:9
 - Even though they are HARDENED. 1:10
 - Even though they are HELLBENT. 1:11

FURTHER UP. FURTHER IN

1. Do you think that we should question God? Why or why not? How can we question God in a way that builds relationship with Him rather than destroys relationship with Him?
2. As a home group, consider reading Habakkuk 1-3 together. How would you summarize the main point of the entire book?
3. When have you felt similar to how Habakkuk feels in Habakkuk 1:1-4? Why? What parallels do you see in our society and nation to what Habakkuk is seeing?
4. Discuss what it means that "the Law is paralyzed" in verse 4. How can this happen today in our lives and in our society?
5. How does God's response in Habakkuk 1:5 bring you comfort and/or frustration? How can we expand our perspective so that we're not only focused on our circumstances? (see Isa 55:8-9, Isa 45:8-11, Isa 40:18-31, Prov 20:24, Job 38:1-42:6, Phil 2:3-4)
6. Read Habakkuk 1:6-11. What stands out to you about the Babylonians? Why do you think God describes them with such detail?
7. Consider the life of Joseph (Gen 37-50). How did God use evil for good purposes in his life (see Gen 50:19-21)?
8. What are some ways you've seen God use evil for good purposes throughout your life?