



# Silence

THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK

**SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**



## Week 1

**Text:** Habakkuk 1:1–17

**Topics:** Questions, Wrestling, Objections, Frustration

**Big Idea of the Message:** God is big enough for our questions and our objections; he invites us to bring them to him in dialogue and to trust him with them.

**Application Point:** When we are real and honest with God and tell him what's on our hearts, he will lead us on a path that matures and deepens our faith.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Have you ever had a season when you questioned whether God saw or cared about what was going on in your life? Tell us about it.
3. Why do you think we sometimes struggle to admit that we're frustrated with God?
4. Can you think of other people in the Bible who struggled with what God was doing? How did they handle it? What was the outcome?
5. When something difficult happens, or when people feel like God isn't listening, they typically do one of two things: run from God in anger or run toward God in vulnerability. Why is it important to stay in dialogue with God through difficult seasons?
6. How can we pray for you?





## Week 2

**Text:** Habakkuk 2:1–20

**Topics:** Waiting, Perspective, Wrath, Discipline

**Big Idea of the Message:** The story of the redemption of humankind is much bigger than the *vapor* of when we are born until when we die.

**Application Point:** The more I realize that God is perfect, holy, faithful, and good, the more I can trust him and his perspective.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Nobody enjoys waiting. Describe a frustrating time when you needed to be somewhere and had to wait longer than expected (a drive-through, grocery store, the DMV).
3. We know God has a different perspective from ours. How does lack of perspective play out in other areas of our life (parents/children, employer/employee, legal matters)?
4. How do you respond when it seems that evil is going unnoticed or that God isn't dealing with it in a timely manner?
5. What is the difference between wrath and discipline? What is the purpose of discipline? How does perspective shape our view of these two things?
6. Can you think of a time when you were frustrated with God that something did or didn't happen the way you wanted it to, but it turned out better in the long run? How has that helped you when you have faced similar situations?
7. How can we pray for you?



### **Week 3**

**Text:** Habakkuk 3:1–16

**Topics:** Remembering, Testimony, Faithfulness, Mercy

**Big Idea of the Message:** Remembering God's faithfulness in the past is a key element in navigating difficult seasons. Seeing God's faithfulness in the past, in our lives and in the lives of others, encourages us that we can trust him in the present and the future.

**Application Point:** Think of ways to remember God's faithfulness. Write them down. Tell other people. Revisit these when you are discouraged or struggling in your faith.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Have you ever made a decision based on Google reviews or someone's recommendation? Does it give you more confidence when you see or hear positive feedback about something?
3. Has someone else's testimony been instrumental in your faith walk? How and why?
4. Why is it easy for us to forget God's faithfulness in the past when we are going through a difficult season?
5. What are some ways you can keep God's goodness and faithfulness at the forefront of your mind, even when it's not obvious in the moment?
6. How can we pray for you?



## Week 4

**Text:** Habakkuk 3:17–19

**Topics:** Awe, Trust, Worship

**Big Idea of the Message:** Worship is not about the moment, it's about the lifetime.

**Application Point:** Learning to worship, regardless of circumstances, will deepen your faith and relationship with God. True worship is centered on God and God alone. True worship should not be impacted by our current set of circumstances.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Have you ever struggled to believe that God is good?
3. Do you think it's easier to worship God when things are good or when things are bad? Why?
4. Knowing that worship is more than a song, what does it look like for you to worship God in difficult situations?
5. What do you think of this Mother Teresa quote: "I will not pray clarity for you. Clarity is the crutch of the Christian. But I will pray trust for you, that your trust will increase." Why do you think we desire clarity in most situations?
6. Can you think of a season that was extremely difficult in the moment, but God used it to strengthen your faith and your trust in him?
7. What was your biggest takeaway from the book of Habakkuk?
8. How can we pray for you?