

THUS SAITH THE LORD

Finding a Place to Rest

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Ice Breaker: Can you think of a time when you faced uncertainty or felt overwhelmed by what was happening around you... How did your perspective shift when you turned to prayer or reflection? Did it change your perspective?

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY How did the original audience read this passage?

Habakkuk, though a short book, is a powerful dialogue between God and the prophet. Living in Judah (before their exile to Babylon), Habakkuk brings his honest concerns to God about the violence and corruption he sees.

Read Habakkuk 1:2-4 and Chapter 1:12-17. What is Habakkuk fundamentally asking God?

What do the first two chapters of Habakkuk teach us about coming to God when we don't understand his actions?

How does the structure of Habakkuk, with its dialogue between the prophet and God, followed by a prayer, help convey the overall message of the book?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY Drawing a line to Jesus and how we see Christ in all of scripture

List the descriptions of God and his power in chapter 3. Many Christians tend to think of Jesus as meek and mild. How do these descriptions change this view? How should we reconcile Jesus as revealed in the New Testament? (Read also these descriptions of Jesus: Colossians 1:15-20, 1 Timothy 6:14-16, Hebrews 12:29, Revelation 19:11-16)

How does Habakkuk 3:13 show God's consistent character in salvation through Jesus?

How does knowing what God is like change how you see your situation?

APPLY TO OUR STORY

What is the biggest "why God" in your life?

How have you seen God be faithful in your life?

What do you run to when you want peace? Why do you go there?

What does it look like to hope in God and find peace in Him?

Accountability

In what situation in your life do you need to give to the Lord and place your hope in Him? Pray for each other that we would place our hope in Christ.

Parenting Moment

Ask your kids, "What does peace mean to you?" Share with your children the peace we find in Christ. Pray for them in the areas where they lack peace.