



Discussion Questions • Habakkuk 1:1-11 NIV

1. Read Habakkuk 1:2.
 - a. What is Habakkuk's complaint?
 - b. Share examples of unanswered prayers that make you question God's love and care for you.
 - c. How would you respond to Habakkuk's question in verse 2?
 - i. Why does God tarry in His response to our prayers?
 - ii. We ask Him to save us from difficult circumstances and He doesn't. Why?
2. Read Habakkuk 1:3-4.
 - a. Name some modern-day injustices. (Examples include: human trafficking, genocide, etc.)
 - b. If God is just, why is He "slow" in His response toward injustice?
 - c. Should we ever question God's justice?
 - i. If yes, explain. If no, why not?
3. Read Habakkuk 1:5-11.
 - a. Describe the Babylonians.
 - i. Who were they?
 - ii. What was their reputation?
 - iii. What were they capable of doing?
 - iv. What did they worship?
 - b. In response to Habakkuk's complaint (prayer) in verses 2-4, God responds in a most unlikely way... God worsens the situation by bringing calamity through the hands of a wicked pagan nation.
 - i. Why would God choose to use a wicked, pagan nation to judge/chasten His people?
 - ii. Do you find God's use of wicked nations to chasten His children troubling?
 1. Discuss.
 2. *Are there modern day examples of God using the wicked to chasten His children?*
 - iii. What helps us stand amazed and give glory to God even when we don't understand what's happening around you?
 - iv. Do we trust God even when things don't look favorable?
 1. Why or why not?

OPTIONAL: What is one thing you are willing to change in your life as a result of what you have learned from the discussion?

Wrap Up and Prayer

Pray for each other as you apply what you have learned along with other requests.