

**Bethany Church**  
**Small Group Notes in Habakkuk**  
*When God Answers Habakkuk Part 4*  
August 16– August 22, 2015

**Reminder** - The book of Habakkuk is a very special look at the mind and heart of a prophet. Books about the prophets and their prophecies vary in the amount of information they give. The stories of other prophets often record the happenings of the time, how the prophet delivered the word of the Lord, and even the response of those who heard the message. In Habakkuk we have a much narrower focus. We are allowed to observe the intimacy of conversation between God and Habakkuk. This different approach is even highlighted by the absence of Habakkuk delivering God's message, within the context of the book. Our focus is therefore drawn to Habakkuk as we identify with the essential complaint he presents, that God would allow the evil sinners to flourish. **That perspective though, is shaped by the greater context of when God answers, because He does and He will!**

**As a group read - Habakkuk 3:1-17**

**Discuss**

1. What was one takeaway from Sunday's message?
2. What does it mean to pray continually (**1 Thessalonians 5:17**)? How can I really do that?
3. In **Job 2:10**, after Job lost everything, his wife told him to curse God and die. He responded by saying "Shall we only accept good from God and not adversity?" Was there ever a time when everything you desired did not come to pass, and yet you still were able to worship and rejoice?
4. If your goal is to be successful, you will not be able to praise God when you fail. If your goal is to be wealthy, you will not be able to praise God if you are poor. If your goal is power, you will not be able to praise God when you have none. What must our goal be in order to praise Him no matter what happens?
5. It feels like it is much easier to worship God when life is good and all is well; when you are healthy, your friends are near, and your bank account is full. Can prosperity actually hinder our worship?
6. How does God use community to make it possible to praise God when it seems impossible, especially during hard times? (Read **Romans 12:15**, **1 Corinthians 12:26**, **2 Corinthians 3:1-7**, **Hebrews 10:24**)
7. What is God's "reward" found in the prayer done in secret (**Matthew 6:6**)?
8. How is your praying experience satisfying? In what ways are you disappointed with your experience?

## **Potential Prayer Exercise For Groups**

(Can be done in one sitting or spread throughout the week)

### **Monday**

“Our Father in heaven.”

Express your love to God as your Perfect Father.

### **Tuesday**

“Hallowed be Your Name.”

Proclaim Him holy and praise Him for His Perfection in all things.

### **Wednesday**

“Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.”

Surrender your will completely to Him.

### **Thursday**

“Give us this day our daily bread.”

Release any anxiety and trust Him for your needs today.

### **Friday**

“Forgive us our debts...”

Confess specific sin and rejoice in His complete forgiveness.

### **Saturday**

“...as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

Thank Him for His inexhaustible grace and choose someone to forgive today.

### **Sunday**

“Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.”

Battle in prayer and receive His grace and His power.

**Take significant time to pray as a group to close**