



LifeGroup Discussion Packet

A Greater Impact in Our Region

Habakkuk 1:5

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Main Idea

God is already at work in ways we can't see, and He calls us to believe, pray, and step forward in faith so He can bring greater impact through our lives and our church.

Key Verse

"Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." Habakkuk 1:5 (NIV)

Warm-Up Question

Have you ever looked back on a difficult season and realized God was working in ways you couldn't see at the time? What did that teach you?

Discussion Questions

1. God Is Always Working Ahead of Us

Habakkuk lived in a time of moral, spiritual, and political instability. He was honest with God about what he saw and God reminded him that He was already at work.

- Why do you think it's easier to focus on what's broken than on what God might be building?
- Pastor Todd said, "Where we see obstacles, God sees opportunities." Where do you need God's perspective to shift in your life right now?

Read: John 5:17

What does it mean to trust that God is always working, even when progress feels slow?

2. God's Work Often Surpasses Human Belief

God told Habakkuk to "be utterly amazed," because what He was doing would stretch human expectations.

- Why do fear and past disappointment often shrink our faith?
- Which phrase do you relate to most:
"Let's be practical," "Let's not get our hopes up," or "Let's just manage what we have"?

Read: Ephesians 3:20; Isaiah 43:19

How do these verses challenge the way you pray or expect God to move?

3. Remembering What God Has Already Done

During the message, we were reminded of how God has worked through Compass over the past three years.

- Why is it important to remember what God has already done before asking Him to do more?
- How does celebrating God's faithfulness build faith for the future?

Reflection:

Where have you personally seen God's faithfulness in your life, family, or spiritual journey?

4. Faith Precedes Full Understanding

Habakkuk teaches us that God often asks for obedience before clarity.

- Which biblical example resonates with you most: Noah, Abraham, or Peter? Why?
- What does it look like to trust God with the “next step” rather than the full plan?

Read: 2 Corinthians 9:7

How does this verse help us understand obedience as joyful trust, not pressure or guilt?

Going Deeper

Pastor Todd said, “Obedience always precedes breakthrough.”

Where might God be inviting you to take a step of faith... personally, relationally, or spiritually... even if you don't see the full outcome yet?

Next Step

This week, pray this simple prayer each day:

“God, help me see where You are already at work and give me the courage to trust You.”

Be ready to share next week how God spoke to you or where you sensed Him inviting you to trust Him more.

Closing Prayer

Invite someone in the group to pray, thanking God for His faithfulness in the past and asking Him to strengthen faith for what He wants to do next in each person's life and in our region.

Who was Habakkuk?

Habakkuk was an Old Testament prophet who lived around 610–600 BC, during the final years of the kingdom of Judah, just before the Babylonian invasion and exile. Unlike many prophets, Habakkuk did not primarily speak to the people on God's behalf. Instead, he spoke to God on behalf of the people. His book is essentially a recorded dialogue between a struggling prophet and a sovereign God.

Habakkuk lived in a time of deep moral, spiritual, and political decline. Corruption was widespread, violence was increasing, and justice was failing. The prophet was deeply troubled by what he saw and boldly brought his questions to God. He asked why God seemed silent in the face of evil and injustice, and why wickedness appeared to go unchecked.

God's response surprised Habakkuk. Rather than immediately removing the injustice, God revealed that He was already at work using the rising Babylonian Empire as an instrument of judgment. This answer unsettled Habakkuk even more, because Babylon was more wicked than Judah. The prophet struggled to understand how a holy God could use an unholy nation to accomplish His purposes.

The heart of Habakkuk's message is not found in easy answers but in faithful trust. God reminded Habakkuk that His ways are higher than human understanding and that His purposes often unfold beyond what people can see. One of the book's most important declarations is found in Habakkuk 2:4: "The righteous will live by his faith." This verse later became foundational for New Testament theology, especially in the writings of Paul.

Habakkuk's story ends not with all questions resolved, but with worship. He models a mature faith one that questions honestly, listens humbly, and ultimately chooses trust. His message reminds God's people that even in seasons of confusion, God is active, sovereign, and worthy of faith.