



## Sermon Discussion Guide

### No Matter What Faith - Tim Knipp

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#### Hook - Getting to know one another

- *How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.*
- What ideas or takeaways have been sticking with you in this sermon series on Habakkuk?
- What was a time when you were waiting in the midst of a process, and wished you could fast-forward that process to the end?
  - In hindsight, would you still wish that change?

#### Book - Scripture

- *Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:*
- What have we read so far in Habakkuk?
- What has Habakkuk remembered and recounted prior to this in chapter 3? (read Habakkuk 3: 1-15, if helpful)
- **Read Habakkuk 3: 16-19**
- What responses does Habakkuk describe himself acting out? Feeling?
- In verse 17 - what things does Habakkuk mourn the loss of? What might these things be in our world today?
- **Read Habakkuk 1: 2-5**
- How has the prophet's view shifted over the course of the book?
- What does this passage show about what it means to walk with God?
  - Especially consider this in light of what has come prior in Habakkuk.

#### Look - Connections to our world today

- *This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.*
- How do you see the book of Habakkuk connecting with the Easter story?
  - With the death of Christ on Good Friday?



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- With the darkness of Holy Saturday, as the disciples and world waited in uncertainty?
- With the resurrection of Easter Sunday?
- Consider the notion of a “No Matter What” Faith - trusting in God whatever the circumstances:
  - How do we see Habakkuk express this?
  - How did Jesus embody this sort of faith?
  - How does this notion differ from a non-Christian worldview?
- In the passage today (and in Habakkuk as a whole), what challenges you? Likewise, what encourages you?

### Took - Personal Application

- *This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*
- Habakkuk ends his letter with both a “though”, and a “yet”.
  - What is your “though”? In what are you able to say, “though this falls apart, though this gets taken away, though this happens...”
  - What is your “yet”? In what aspects of the Lord do you cling to and rejoice in?
- A prayer to consider saying together. If helpful, return to this prayer throughout the week ahead:

Help us hold on to the promise  
That You are good,  
That You are who You say You are,  
Even when we can't see You,  
Even when we don't know  
What tomorrow brings.

(From *To Light Their Way*, by Kayla Craig)

### Time of Prayer