

PREACHING CURRICULUM

So Praise Him!
Habakkuk 3

*God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.*

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Habakkuk 3:1-7. What imagery is used to describe God in these verses? What earlier events in Scripture might this text be alluding to?

Read Habakkuk 3:8-15. Why is the Lord depicted as a warrior in this passage? Who is He fighting against and who is He defending? What events in Israel's history might have inspired this warrior imagery?

Read Habakkuk 3:16-19. In verse 16, the prophet describes the symptoms of distress he is experiencing. What is he referring to? Why would he be in such a state of mind? What would have caused him such distress and anxiety?

How did Habakkuk ultimately choose to respond in the face of the troubling circumstances that surrounded him and his people?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

How do you generally respond when you feel anxious or afraid? Why do you respond that way? How does your own response compare to that of Habakkuk when he faced his own difficult circumstances?

Has there ever been a time when you have questioned God in the midst of hardship? If so, what was the situation, and what was its outcome?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

When we see or experience evil and suffering, we are often tempted to ask the 'why' questions. What would happen if, theoretically, God were to answer our questions about why He allows evil and suffering in our lives? Would it matter? Or is there something more important than receiving intellectual answers to our questions and complaints? Explain your answer.

How was Habakkuk able to rejoice even in the midst of personal and national hardship? God had just warned him that the Babylonians would soon come and bring destruction upon his people. What gave Habakkuk the strength and confidence to face the future with hope and joy, even in the face of such terrible news?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

How should we respond when faced with distressing circumstances in our lives? How might we respond like Habakkuk? How might our own confidence in the Lord be bolstered and strengthened this week?