



## Small Group Notes for When you are in crisis”: Habakkuk 2

### Discovering Together

Name a character from a book, movie, or cartoon strip who is a good example of an underdog winning freedom over a powerful enemy.

### Learning Together

1. In verse 1, we see Habakkuk waiting for God to answer his second set of questions and complaints. What phrases in verses 2-3 suggest that the message Habakkuk is about to hear is important?
2. How do you explain the apparent contradiction in verse 3 that revelation "awaits an appointed time" yet "we will not delay"?
3. What pictures do verses 3-4 create in your mind?
4. From what you've read so far in Habakkuk, what would you say that Babylon was greedy for?
5. How do you see greed evidenced in our culture even by the nicest people - including yourself?
6. How does true faith affect the natural human desire for more: more possessions, more power, more money?
7. Habakkuk was about to witness a time of unsurpassed hardship for his people. Yet God assured him in verse 4 that, "The righteous will live by his faith." Why would faith be difficult during the coming events?
8. Verses 6-20 are a "taunt song," much like a group of street children might sing to the town bully. How do the previous sections of Habakkuk help you know who will sing this song of taunt - and why?
9. Imagine yourself as one of the Hebrew people in the process of being deported by vicious Babylonians. Why might it help you to have this song in your memory?
10. Each section lists consequences the Babylonians would eventually suffer. In what ways do the consequences resemble the wrongdoing?
11. Verses 9 and 12 describe Babylon as a builder. What did she build and how did she build it?
12. What would you say to someone who objects to this section of Scripture, saying that people who love God (and even God Himself) should be more merciful to the wicked?
13. What prayers can we offer for an evil person or group in a situation that is crumbling?
14. What practical help is it to you to believe that someday God will overcome all that is evil?
15. Who are the "Babylonians" in today's world?

## **Worshipping Together**

While praying, spend a few minutes sitting in silence, soaking up God's majesty and love for you.

## **Serving Together**

For a few days, keep a pad of paper in the place where you read the newspaper or watch or listen to the news. Write down situations in which it seems as if a bully (person, group, or nation) is defeating an enemy. Pray for these bullies to repent.