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Leader Guide

God's Master Plan

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Main Passage: Habakkuk 2:1-5

Theological Theme

Habakkuk not only asked God his questions, but he also waited for God's answer. Once he received the Lord's response, Habakkuk obeyed what he heard.

Introduction

- ? What are some examples of other unique questions kids might ask? Think back on your own experiences interacting with children.
- ? When have you answered the wrong question or been distracted and agreed to something you didn't mean to?

1. Waiting on God's Answer (Habakkuk 2:1)

Habakkuk struggled with the plan God revealed but instead of withdrawing from the Lord or grumbling because he didn't like God's response, he kept the communication lines open and shared his heart with his God.

- ? Why is it important to keep talking to God when you may not always understand what He is doing or even agree with His plan?
- ? What are some ways you can position yourself to hear from the Lord?
- ? Application: What do you need to pour out to God and wait for His response about?

2. Receiving God's Answer (Habakkuk 2:2-3)

Just as Habakkuk expected, the Lord answered him. The words God spoke to Habakkuk were important and were not just for Habakkuk's sake—the people also needed to know them.

- ? How have you experienced God's Word coming true just as He said?
- ? What have you seen as a positive result of a time when you waited on the Lord with anticipation?
- ? Application: Where are you currently waiting on the Lord? How is your perspective changed regarding this season considering today's passage?

3. Trusting God's Plan (Habakkuk 2:4-5)

Habakkuk's struggle with God's plan for the judgment of Judah was due to his inability to comprehend that God would use a pagan, wicked nation to enact His judgment. The Lord directed Habakkuk's attention to the issue of pride in the puffed-up people of Judah who lived without concern for the Lord.

- ❓ What does it mean that “the righteous one will live by his faith”?
- ❓ What evidence do you see in the world that aligns with how God described the arrogant and prideful?
- ❓ Application: How do you need to deal with any issues of pride or arrogance in your life?

Questions to Guide Your Group’s Discussion

- ❓ What does this passage say?
- ❓ What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ❓ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ❓ What does this passage tell us about man?
- ❓ What does this passage demand of me?
- ❓ How does this passage change the way I relate to people? (*How can you use this information this week at work or with friends and neighbors?*)
- ❓ How does this passage prompt me to pray to God?

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Here’s How to Become a Christ-Follower:

Read the following verses and ask after each one: “What does this say to me?”

- **All have sinned:** Romans 3:23 & 1 John 1:8
- **The wages of sin:** Romans 6:23 & John 3:18
- **But while we were sinners, salvation was provided:** Romans 5:8
- **Become a Christ-follower:** Romans 10:9-10 Confess and Believe

Accepting Christ is Just the Beginning:

Next Steps:

- Publicly profess your faith by being baptized (Matthew 10:32-33; Luke 3:21; Romans 6:4).
- Join a church which follows the Bible, where you can grow in your faith through prayer, Bible study and fellowship with other Christians.
- Get involved in groups for encouragement and accountability.
- Begin a daily personal worship experience with God where you study the Bible and pray.
- Share with others what Jesus has done for you. Tell your story (Romans 10:14; Matthew 28:19-20).
- Begin to live for God (Romans 12:1-2, 9-18; James 1:19-27).