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Leader Guide

Relentless Trust

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Main Passage: Habakkuk 3:1-19

Theological Theme

Habakkuk struggled to deal with the coming destruction of Judah that was revealed to him. Instead of giving into despair, Habakkuk begged God to bring revival to the people. As he recounted God's past faithfulness, Habakkuk committed to complete trust in God regardless of the plan.

Introduction

- ❓ As a kid, when you knew punishment was coming, what was the worst part for you?
- ❓ How can waiting for discipline to be enforced be as bad as the discipline itself? Why? How does trust in the authority figure impact a person's experience of discipline?

1. Prayer for Revival (Habakkuk 3:1-2)

After spending two chapters asking of the Lord and listening to His responses, Habakkuk concluded with a final prayer. He had wrestled through the newfound knowledge of the devastation that God revealed to him and knew the only hope was for God to work. So, Habakkuk prayed for revival.

- ❓ Why might revival be the thing Habakkuk asked for in the face of coming destruction?
- ❓ How does revival bring glory to God? Have you ever experienced this reality? If so, share with the group.
- ❓ Application: In what ways do you need to experience personal revival? How have you been drawn closer to the Lord because of difficult circumstances in your life?

2. Remember God's Power (Habakkuk 3:10-13)

Habakkuk was bold to ask the Lord for revival, but he also knew the hardness of the people's hearts. Habakkuk had eyewitness evidence that the people were evil and ungodly, yet his faith was in the Lord not the people.

- ❓ When have you asked God for something that felt practically impossible?
- ❓ How does praising God help change your perspective in tough times?
- ❓ Application: What situation are you facing in which you may need confidence or trust in God? What have you learned from Habakkuk that can help you with that situation this week?

3. Trusting God Relentlessly (Habakkuk 3:16-19)

Despite his fear and concern, Habakkuk responded to God appropriately. It is wise to recognize how small and needy we are when compared to our great and awesome God.

- ❓ What benefit is there in admitting how needy and powerless we are before our God?
- ❓ What makes it hard to wait quietly, especially if you know something bad is coming?
- ❓ Application: Where do you need trust God and find your strength in Him now?

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).