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**TREMBLING
FAITH**
DISCUSSION GUIDE

How a Distressed
Prophet Helps Us
Trust God in a
Chaotic World



CHAPTER 1

Read: Hab. 1:1-4

1. How do you respond to the author's claim that Habakkuk requires us to acknowledge that we see evil in the world? What evil do you see in the world?
2. When are you tempted to look away from evil? What are the consequences of doing so? When have you experienced those consequences?
3. Define lament and discuss what you learn about lament from Habakkuk.

CHAPTER 2

Read: Hab. 1:5-2:1

1. When have you asked, "God, what are you doing?" Discuss what he eventually revealed to you.
2. How can you find comfort in knowing that sometimes God works by delivering judgment?
3. How does Habakkuk's fiery praying encourage you when you don't see or understand what God is doing?

CHAPTER 3

Read: Hab. 2:2-5

1. Discuss the vision that God gives Habakkuk in 2:4. How does it give you hope or call you to change?
2. According to this chapter, how is faith described? How have you seen faith, according to this definition, displayed in your life or the life of another?
3. What is the benefit of looking forward to all things being made right again? How does this perspective help when you also acknowledge the pain, suffering, and injustice in this world?

CHAPTER 4

Read: Hab. 2:6-20

1. When have you seen thieves, greedy bullies, the violent, or the cruel do harm? How do you respond to Habakkuk's song in 2:2-20?
2. What is the difference between retaliation and trusting in a God "who will work—for deserved consequences and for undeserved salvation"?
3. How does Habakkuk's woe song bring both comfort and conviction to you?

CHAPTER 5

Read: Hab. 2:6-20

1. Where do you see the abuse of positional power in your world?
2. How do warnings lead us to lives of repentance and just action? How do you describe the connection between the two?
3. How will examining your worship help you repent of your contribution to injustice?



CHAPTER 6

Read: Hab. 2:12-14

1. How does the book of Habakkuk juxtapose God's mission with his justice? Give a few examples.
2. Meditate on Habakkuk 2:14. What does this verse teach you about God's justice and your hope?
3. When and how do you see God's plan of redemption for the world persevering today, perhaps in God's presence or the spread of the glorious gospel?

CHAPTER 7

Read: Hab. 3:1-15

1. Compare and contrast the people in Habakkuk's time with today's culture. How do the words of Habakkuk give you comfort? Warn you? Challenge you?
2. Discuss Habakkuk 3:3-7. How is God portrayed in this passage? Which descriptions reveal his ability?
3. What patterns of the past (either for you personally or those you see in Scripture) encourage you of God's future rescue?

CHAPTER 8

Read: Hab. 3:16-19

1. When have you "trembled within" out of fear? What is your typical response to fear (fight, flight, freeze, or something else)?
2. Describe when you have experienced devastating loss. What was your response to God? How did he remain faithful to you during the ordeal?
3. Do you think you can choose faith and joy in the middle of fear and heartache? How do Habakkuk's words encourage you?

CONCLUSION

Read: Hab. 3:17-19

1. How do you respond when you don't get something you want? What does your response teach you about how you view God?
2. How is God your salvation and your strength? Give a few examples.
3. Discuss a few significant takeaways from reading this book. What new things did God teach you about himself? About yourself? How would you describe the view from the heights Habakkuk has given us to see this chaotic world and live by faith?

