

Can hope in God make the difference?

Key Scriptures

“But the LORD is in his holy Temple. Let all the earth be silent before him.”

Habakkuk 2:20 NLT

A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet. On shigionoth. LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy. God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden. Plague went before him; pestilence followed his steps. He stood, and shook the earth; he looked, and made the nations tremble. ...

Habakkuk 3:1-6 NIV

I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled. Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading us. Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights. ...

Habakkuk 3:16-19 NIV

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What’s your favourite worship song? What does it say about who God is?

Start thinking. Ask a thoughtful question.

- It’s not uncommon to doubt God when life gets hard. What does this imply about what we believe about God?
- Who’s someone you know who seems to trust God no matter what they’re facing? What do you think is different about them?

Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- Read Habakkuk 3:1-3. Describe a time when you saw the goodness of God or experienced His faithfulness.
- How are you embracing God in the middle of a difficult situation? Or, how would you like to embrace Him?
- Share how the faithfulness of God in your past has strengthened your faith today.

Start praying. Be bold, and pray with power.

God, we will lift our hands while we’re waiting. Even louder than our fears, we will praise You. Because You are good. Jesus, You are so good. Amen!

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Spend some time praying, thanking, and praising God for His goodness and faithfulness.
- Even if you didn’t start last week, find some time to write about what God has done in your life and what you believe He is doing today.