



Disappointment with God

Habakkuk 1:1-13

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read the sermon scripture(s) listed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Are you disappointed or angry with God? Have you ever been disappointed or angry with God?
- 2 What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

DISAPPOINTMENT WITH GOD: THE COMPLAINT

- 3 What was Habakkuk's complaint against God?
- 4 Have you ever felt that God was distant, aloof, or absent? Have your prayers ever been met with the silence of God?

DISAPPOINTMENT WITH GOD: FAITHFUL WRESTLING

- 5 Habakkuk challenged God boldly and honestly. Have you ever been direct and honest with God?
- 6 Does getting angry with God mean you're not a Christian? How does religion keep you from treating God like he's real?
- 7 Discuss what Ray said: "God, if I can't figure out life with you, how can I figure it out without you?"

DISAPPOINTMENT WITH GOD: TRUSTING HIS PROVIDENCE

- 8 Read and discuss Isaiah 55:8-9.
- 9 God said to Habakkuk, "I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." How do we now see the wisdom of God that Habakkuk could not see? How does this apply to your life as a follower of God today?
- 10 How was Jesus the "greater Habakkuk"?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?