



God Can Handle It

WEEK 1 DISCUSSION GUIDE

OVERVIEW

In this series, *Why God? A Study in the Book of Habakkuk*, we will learn how to wrestle through tough questions we may have. By looking at the prophet Habakkuk and his transparent, honest conversation with God, we will all identify with the questions he asked.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Who was Habakkuk? We find him in the Old Testament. He lived and wrote this book about 600 years prior to Christ. He was a unique prophet that spoke to God on behalf of the people. The book can be broken down into three segments—Habakkuk's first complaint and God's answer; Habakkuk's second complaint and God's answer; and then, Habakkuk's response. Today, we are going to dive into Habakkuk's first complaint and learn how we can deal with our own questions and complaints.

1. You can be honest with God...

In **Habakkuk 1:1-4**, we see that Habakkuk was deeply concerned about all he was seeing in the culture—as we are today—frustrated with God, even angry. God's not afraid of our complaints. He actually welcomes them. This will revolutionize our prayer life! God sees the injustices of this world, and at the same time, He sees our hearts. We can be honest with God. David said in **Psalm 142:2**: **I pour out before him my complaint; before him I tell my trouble.**

If we don't process, we bottle up pain in our own hearts. When we stop being honest – no matter who it's with – the relationship suffers. Processing realigns our souls and helps us to gain proper perspective.

- Do you feel like you can be honest with God?
- Why is honesty and processing important in all of our relationships?

2. God has a plan — even when you don't see it!

In **Habakkuk 1:5**, God says: **“Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.”** We only see the hear-and-now. God is outside of time, and He sees the end from the beginning.

Paul writes in **Romans 8:18**: **I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. There is coming a day when every wrong will be made right.** The pain we feel, the tears we cry will be redeemed. Paul continues in **Romans 8:28**: **And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.** God can bring good out of any circumstance; He can remedy any situation in His time.

- How can we stay strong and preserve when we are waiting to see God move?
- Share a time when God has turned your situation around for your good and His glory.

3. You have a choice in your wrestle!

Habakkuk wrestled with God, but he didn't lose his respect for and connection with God—even though he had a complaint.

- Give an example of how you can express your complaints and concerns with God and others in an honorable way.

Three primary ways we wrestle...

- A. We wrestle against God.
- B. We tap out.
- C. We wrestle with God.
 - Which way have you seen yourself wrestle?
 - How can we encourage others who are wrestling against God or tapping out to go to God with their troubles instead?

LIFE CHALLENGE

Be honest with God. Process what you're feeling and experiencing with Him in an honoring way, then listen for His still, small voice.

PRAYER

Thank You for always working in our lives, even when we don't see it. We know You have heard our cry, and we believe You are doing great things. Give us the courage to be honest with You and others, and bring us closer together. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.