

## MESSAGE OUTLINE

### **“When You’re Struggling With What You’re Seeing” - Habakkuk 1:1-11**

*“God is working in our world even when it’s difficult to see or understand”*

1. Take your struggles with the world directly to the LORD (1-4)
2. You may be shocked by His sovereignty! (5-11)

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### **LEAN IN (get everyone involved in discussion)**

- What typically comes into your mind when you think about reading the Prophets in the OT and why?

### **LOOK DOWN (into God’s Word)**

#### **& LOOK UP (what should this look like in our church & world?)**

- Describe what Habakkuk is seeing in his world/community in vv.1-4.
- What similarities do you see in our world/culture?
- Are you bothered by sin and injustice in our world like Habakkuk? Why is it important that we would grieve because of sin around us?
- What can you do practically to be more aware and grieve more for the sin in our culture?
- What is it about God’s response (as it appears to Habakkuk) that has him so confused and frustrated?
- Do you ever have questions or confusion over why God allows evil things to happen?
- Why is it important that we follow Habakkuk’s example and take those struggles/questions directly to God in prayer?
- God’s response to Habakkuk is that He is going to use a wicked nation (Babylonians or “Chaldeans” v.6) to bring judgment on Judah. How would you have responded to that if you were Habakkuk?
- Why is it encouraging that God can use even evil to accomplish His good purposes?

### **LOOK IN (how should I apply this to my own life this week?)**

- What’s something that’s going on in the world that you’re struggling with personally?
- What does it look like for you to trust that the Lord’s ways are higher than yours and that He is working and that everything He does is good? How does that give you hope?