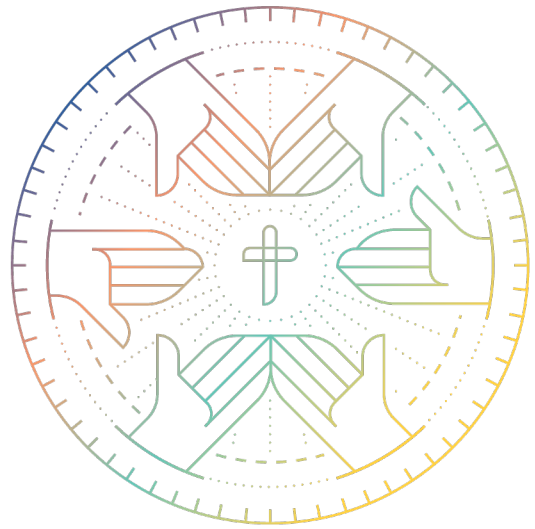


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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Even In the Silence: “Doesn’t Make Sense”
Scripture Focus: Habakkuk 2:2-5

ICEBREAKER

Share a time where you tried to “read someone’s mind.” What happened?

OR

How has God shown Himself faithful in your life, even when His timing may be different than what you hoped?

SERMON SUMMARY

In our broken world, it can be easy to become frustrated, question God’s goodness, and even lose hope. And amid our struggles, when God seems silent, it can be tempting to respond in the wrong ways. In this week’s sermon we were introduced to the Prophet Habakkuk who—much like us today—was burdened by the evil around him and began to ask God honest questions. God answered Habakkuk and encouraged him to choose faith, despite the “silence.” Today we can be honest with our own doubts, and yet still have faith simultaneously.

What part of Pastor David’s message stood out to you most?

INTO THE WORD

Read Habakkuk 1:2-4 and Habakkuk 1:12-17. As Habakkuk expresses his struggles and burdens to God, he is essentially asking God the questions “How long?” and “Why”? What can we learn from Habakkuk’s approach to God?

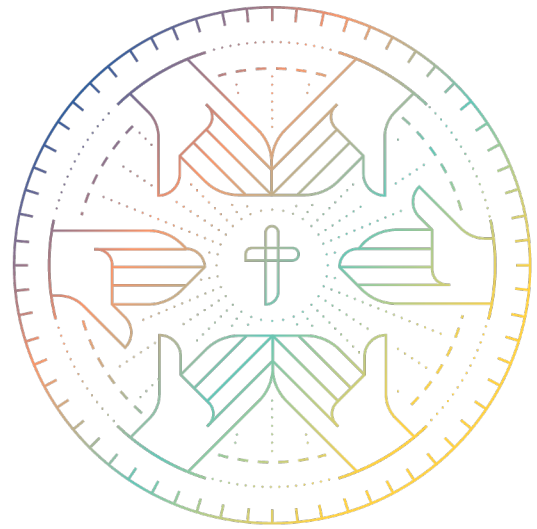
Read Habakkuk 2:2-5. In these verses, we see part of the conversation where God responds to Habakkuk’s initial questions. Today, how can we find hope in how God responds?

Read Psalm 27:14 and Isaiah 55:8-9. When we experience seasons where it seems God is silent, how can these verses provide encouragement to choose faith, despite the doubts.

Read Hebrews 10:35-11:1. How do these verses challenge you to choose faith today?

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EMBRACE AND EMBODY

“Living by faith isn’t the absence of questions; it’s trusting Jesus through them.” When we choose faith, even when we don’t have all the answers, we please God. This week, bring your frustrations to God and choose to trust Him. Wait on His timing and solutions instead of relying on your own. Focus on His character instead of the circumstances you face. And change your perspective by sharing with someone who He is and what He has done in your life (Make God Known).

Seek God Daily: Memorize Hebrews 11:1 - *“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”*

OPTIONAL PRAYER PRACTICE

Have your group members close their eyes, hold their palms downward in front of them, and pray silently to God. Encourage them to visualize leaving their worries, burdens, questions, and doubts at the feet of Jesus. After 1-2 minutes, have your group members turn their palms upward and encourage them to continue to pray, asking God to replace what they released with trust and faith in Him. Ask the group to visualize God placing these requests into their hands. When finished, have the group share what they felt and experienced.

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for allowing us to come to You with our burdens, struggles, and questions. Thank You that even when You are silent, we can trust that You are in control, and Your response will be right on time. Please help our faith in You to grow, and our steadfastness to increase as we wait on You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.