

**Dig Deeper @Home – “Confronting Unheavenly Realities”
Complement to lesson on 02/28/21 – “When Injustice Reigns”**

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. Would you rather be able to breathe underwater or have eyes that adjust to the darkness letting you see at all times as if it were day?
2. Share a time when you encountered an injustice and what your response was

MEMORIZE – Habakkuk 3: 17-19

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls; yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the GOD of my salvation. GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer’s; he makes me tread on high places

READ Habakkuk 1: 1-4 & 3: 17-19

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What sticks out to you in this passage? What did you like? What didn’t you like?
2. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated, contrasted, or compared? Particularly compare and contrast Habakkuk’s opening words in 1: 1-4 with his closing words in 3: 17-19. What do you notice?
3. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
4. Summarize in your own words the complaint that Habakkuk is making 1: 2-4. Can you relate to this complaint? If so, how?
5. Look again at 3: 17-19. What is Habakkuk saying he will do? What is he saying the Lord will do? In what ways is Habakkuk saying that he and the Lord work together? What does this mean for you?

Experiential activity – “Cycle of Rejoicing”

There is power when God’s people rejoice in Him. This week, start every day by rejoicing in God your Savior. What does this look like? It could be counting your blessings or saying what you are thankful for. Maybe it’s singing songs of praise or reading some Psalms of praise. Why begin our day with rejoicing? Because treading on high places is a by-product of rejoicing in Christ. Then, share about how God is enabling you to tread on high places with others which will only lead them and you to rejoice more in God, which will lead to more treading, which will lead to more rejoicing. See the cycle? Now go and live the cycle!

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

A Place called Earth - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gM7KuBRITH0>

Joy of the Lord - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcG9HApTC_Q

O Praise the Name - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>

Joyful, Joyful we Adore Thee (Mennonite Hymnal #13) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-FilPgzi-lk>

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

As you go this week, rejoice in God and find your joy in Him. As you do, you will be filled with His strength: strength to confront injustice that you encounter where you live, work and play, for His glory and for the good of others.