

**Dig Deeper @Home – “Confronting Unheavenly Realities”
Complement to lesson on 03/28/21 – “The god of Me”**

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

1. What is one thing about yourself you really like? One thing you would like to change?
2. What is the one thing from the book of Habakkuk that has stuck out to you the most thus far?

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 2: 4-20

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. How did this passage make you feel? What sticks out to you in this passage?

2. What can we learn about either God or the state of humanity through this reading?

3. Repetition and contrast are key aspects of Habakkuk 2!
What was repeated? (Hint: v. 6, 9, 12, 15, 19)
What was contrasted? (Hint: v. 4) (Hint v. 18-20)
Do you see any others? There are more!

4. Habakkuk 2:4 is key, a central verse in the book of Habakkuk, and is quoted elsewhere in Scripture. Check out these passages where Habakkuk 2:4 pops up:
(Romans 1:16-17 / Galatians 3: 10-14 / Hebrews 10:32-39)
Why is this verse so important? What does it look like to “live by faith?”

Experiential activity – Search my Heart

We've found in this sermon series that there are many false gods that we allow to have authority in our lives... but how do we know the areas of our life that need surrender? Time in the Word (such as the book of Habakkuk!) reveal areas where our lives are not in alignment with the character and commands of our Savior. This week, before you go about your normal daily Bible reading (and if you aren't in the discipline of reading, now is a great time to start!) read through Psalm 139, and with David cry out to God...

“Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.”

If and when something is revealed to you, share it with a trusted friend or mentor so they can hold you accountable to addressing this area of your life, and praise Jesus for paying the penalty for your sin and sending the Holy Spirit to walk beside you to empower victory over these false gods!

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

Give Us Clean Hands - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6QeWuGwr9E>

God is on the Throne - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovBdj1YBkQI>

Praise God from Whom – Mennonite Hymnal #606

LISTEN Nine Lashes: Dear Self - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGqLib_5kaM

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:

Go from here, empowered by the Holy Spirit to confront unheavenly realities and cultivate heavenly possibilities where you live, work and play... beginning within yourself!

For His glory and for the good of others. Amen