

**Dig Deeper @Home – “Confronting Unheavenly Realities”
Complement to lesson on 04/04/21 – “When Justice Rises Up”**

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

1. What do you like most about Spring? What do you like least?
2. Share one high and one low from the previous week.

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 3

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?
3. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
4. How is God being described in verses 3-15? What is the response of things to his presence?
5. Read Psalm 132: 10-18. How might someone who knows this Psalm expect God to fulfil the words of Habakkuk 3?
 - a. Now read Luke 24: 25-27. With these verses in mind, how does God ultimately fulfil Habakkuk 3 in Christ?

Experiential activity – Puzzle time

For this activity, you will need a 500 piece puzzle (don't let anyone else see the finished picture). Dump out all the pieces and then put the box out of sight so that you cannot look at the final picture. Ask others who are helping to make a guess at what they are putting together simply by looking at the pile of puzzle pieces.

Now try putting it together without having a picture of the final product. After some time working on the puzzle answer the following:

1. What was difficult about doing a puzzle without a finished picture?
2. How close was your guess at what you were putting together? What made this challenging?

Now get the picture out and finish the puzzle. Question: Was it easier or harder with the picture?

After completing the puzzle make connections to the book of Habakkuk

1. How does knowing that Jesus is the fulfillment help to understand and apply the words from Habakkuk?
2. How does seeing the big picture of God being a god of justice help you to endure challenging times in life?

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

Living Hope - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9I7IIsdyMk>

The Passion - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWonUVdOWhl>

I will sing of my Redeemer – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2QEhknXONY>

(Mennonite Hymnal #554)

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 rejoicing in the Lord for the salvation that He has provided in King Jesus. Go in the strength of a resurrected savior, declaring his truth and sharing his love with all people, where you live, work and play. For His glory and for the good of others. Amen