

Discussion Guide  
*Summer Playlist: wk5 “By Faith”*  
July 30, 2023



Big Idea

When life seems unfair, God is still trustworthy.



Icebreaker

Do you have a favorite Old Testament prophet? Which one and why are they your favorite?



Discussion Questions

1. When life seems unfair, God is still trustworthy to t\_\_\_\_ to. Read Habakkuk 1:2-4. How would you describe the way in which Habakkuk is talking to God here? Do you personally struggle communicating in a similar fashion with God regarding your “*life’s not fair!*” scenarios, and if so, why? Why do you think it may be healthier for you to be more open and honest with God as Habakkuk was here?
2. In the above passage, Habakkuk is complaining about the state & conduct of *God’s* people, the Israelites. Today the Israelites would equate to Christians or the Church. In what ways do you struggle with the behavior of some proclaiming Christians and/or the Church? With that in mind, do you feel that there is a maturing process for Christians and if so, how may you describe it? How may considering that all Christians are in such a process help you in this struggle you may have?
3. With our questions of “*how?*”, “*why?*”, or “*when?*”, we tend to go in one of three directions. We either choose doubt, become cynical & bitter, or talk with God & wait upon His timing for answers. Of the two (other than talking to God & waiting) which are you more prone (or at risk) of going to? What can help you avoid those two and help you talk with God and in trust, wait upon Him?
4. When life seems unfair, God is still trustworthy to k\_\_\_\_ talking to about it and w\_\_\_\_\_ on. Read Habakkuk 1:5-6, 13, 2:1, 3-4. This documents God’s responses to Habakkuk along with Habakkuk’s responses. Including Habakkuk’s determination to watch and wait upon God. Are there things you have been praying about that have seemed to go from “*bad to worse*”? How can what Habakkuk demonstrates for us here, be an encouragement to us when in those situations?
5. When life seems unfair, God is still trustworthy to keep talking to and waiting on and I \_\_\_\_\_ for. Read Habakkuk 2:20 and 3:16-19. Into what situation, or circumstance, do you most need to mirror Habakkuk here by recognizing who God is and who you are resulting in your demonstration of patience, trust, and joy with and in Him?



Concluding Question

Share thoughts with one another on the song, “By Faith”. Also, share any impressions that hearing about P.A.T.H. (People Against Human Trafficking) had upon you.



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer Pray for our Heart Check partners overall, but specifically P.A.T.H. with July 30<sup>th</sup> being World Day Against Trafficking Persons. Their goals are to engage the community further in the battle against this issue by raising awareness, helping people to get involved, thus inspiring hope in the community in the face of such evil. Pray that happens!

