

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

11. What in your life seems unfair? How can you trust God in these moments?

12. What impact does it have on those who watch us when we as Christians respond to tough situations with faith and trust in the Lord? On the other hand, what impact has the faith of others in our Growth Group or in your life had on you when you have struggled to trust God?

13. How would things be different if you lived and centered your thoughts around the words, "the Sovereign LORD is my strength" (v. 19)?

Prayer Requests

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When Darkness Rains: It's Not Fair, God!

Psalms 10:1-18

Sermon Notes

2 Peter 3:3-4

Isaiah 5:19

Ezekiel 12:22

The Frustrating Ways of the Wicked before a P_____ God

1. Arrogant H_____ is prevalent

2. Limitless P_____ is expected

James 4:13-16

3. A_____ Methods are practiced

4. Personal L_____ is law

The Ways of the Wicked will not Escape J_____ before the E_____ K_____

Revelation 7:17; 21:1,3-4

Colossians 3:1-3

What do I need to do with what I have heard today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. What circumstances most often tempt you to think God is not fair?
2. How do these types of situations stretch our faith?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ HABAKKUK 1:12–2:3.

3. At this point in history, Assyria had destroyed Israel and punished Judah. Babylon was on the horizon to rule and everyone knew it. Both were purely evil nations. What was the main point of Habakkuk's complaints to God? What injustices did he observe?
4. Habakkuk addressed his very direct questions about God's justice to God Himself. What must Habakkuk have believed about God to talk to Him in this way? What about you—do you ever get worried or lose faith?
5. How do you react when you see widespread injustice? Why is trusting in God's character the best approach in these situations? How does Habakkuk's response give you confidence that you can take your complaints to a God who listens?

6. In Habakkuk 2:2 and following, God answers Habakkuk's questions. What does God's willingness to be questioned and answer questions tell us about God?

READ HABAKKUK 3:16-19.

7. What was surprising to Habakkuk about the way God acted, positively or negatively? Why was it surprising?
8. What can we learn from Habakkuk's concluding verses about a God-honoring response to our questions of justice?
9. Read Habakkuk 2:4. What does that verse tell you about how Habakkuk arrived at his attitude in 3:16-19?
10. How hard is it for you to do what Habakkuk did in the face of personal injustices you suffer? What can you do to bring yourself to a response like Habakkuk's?