

## Small Groups Material - Habakkuk 4 & 5

### Watching & Worshipping

**Welcome** (10 mins) What do you remind yourself of when you are struggling in your faith?

**Worship** (15 mins) Get someone to read Ephesians 1. 15 - 23. Give thanks to God for the things mentioned in this passage as well as ones you mentioned in the Welcome section.

You could bring your thanks to a 'grand finale' by leading this response:

Leader: God is good  
All: **All the time**

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Here's song you could watch or listen to: God, I look to you  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gn4\\_YV4hOA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gn4_YV4hOA)

**Word** (40 - 45 mins)  
**Read Habakkuk 3. 1 - end**

**A.** vs. 1 - 2 What is Habakkuk's request in v.2? On what basis does he appeal to God?

**B.** vs.3 - 15 *Much of this chapter was written as a psalm for singing.* What events may Habakkuk been thinking about as he wrote with poetic style vs 3 - 15? Have a good think before looking up these references: Nu 10.12; Ex 19.16-20, Nu 16. 46-49; 2 Ki 2.11 & 6.17; Josh 10.12-13; Ex 13.21 & 15.8.  
What aspects of God is Habakkuk trying to describe?

**C.** vs.16 - 19

What might v.16a be describing?

Habakkuk paints a bleak picture in v.17. The pictures of desolation we would use in our day would be rather different. What might we use? What attitude did Habakkuk choose to adopt as he waited on God? Why might Habakkuk want his feet to be like a deer's? How would he achieve this?

How can you encourage joy and rejoicing in your life whatever the circumstances? How can we help others find that 'golden thread' of God that runs through the world and through our lives.?

**Witness** (20 mins)

Pray for Christians who have lost everything - brainstorm for a minute people and situations on the hearts of group members. Pray that they will be able to hang on to (or find) the 'golden thread' of God.

Pray for people this Christmas time - those in the group, opportunities this Christmas season will bring as well as those for whom it may be a hard time. (In the 'Small Group - Material, Prayer for Christmas' there are lists of events happening around the Benefice as well as suggestions for prayer.)