

Sunday, February 20, 2022 - "Ancient Prophets - Week 6 - Habakkuk: The Righteous Shall Live By Faith" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Habakkuk 3:17-19, Habakkuk 1:6-9, Psalm 142:1-5, Habakkuk 2:2-4, Romans 1:16-17, Ephesians 2:8-9

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Our lives are made up of many responses everyday and they flow out of our connection to and theology about God
- Habakkuk - We know very little, contemporary with Nahum and Micah
- Habakkuk 3:17-19...YET
 - I will rejoice in the Lord
 - I will take joy in the God of my salvation
 - The Lord, the Lord is my strength
 - Worship should not be circumstantially driven (then we are just worshipping the circumstance)
- Habakkuk us a book of faith and trust...not pretending things aren't bad, knowing God is up to something good
- Chapter 1 is a lament..."Why is evil prospering, why are my people sinning against God and one another?"
 - Lament: to be honest with God
 - Psalm 142:1-5
 - We don't have to fake it...the power of yet
- Habakkuk 2:2-4
 - God's timing is not our timing
 - **The righteous shall live by faith**
- The Human Condition = The proud vs. the humble (internal struggle in each of us)
- The proud or puffed up
 - Religious activities to appease God
 - Depend on themselves
- The Humble
 - Knowing we bring nothing to the table
 - Nothing to do with doing
 - The righteous shall live by faith...this separates christianity from every other religion
- There is no one one righteous, we are in no way self sufficient
- Jesus confronted the proud mentality
- Works vs. faith...start of the Protestant reformation → I am righteous because of my faith in Jesus
- Romans 1:16-17
 - The gospel - Ephesians 2:8-9
 - A gift, not a result of works
 - We are righteous only because of Jesus
- "We don't live in a particular way to become righteous. We live in a particular way because we are righteous." - Doug Kempton
- Our love/relationship with God → doing what he says
- We need to learn to live into our identity as righteous...it's a journey

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. When was a time when you were lead to worship in challenging circumstances? What did you learn?
2. How has God taught you be honest with him? What makes it hard to be honest with God?
3. What does the wrestle between pride and humility look like for you personally?
4. What does "the righteous shall live by faith" mean to you?
5. How is God calling you to live into your identity as righteous?
6. How is God calling you to rejoice in Him right now? What makes it difficult?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Galatians 5 Tues: Galatians 6 Wed: James 1 Thurs: James 2 Fri: James 3

Songs from the weekend: [You Are My Joy - Will Reagan] - [Shall Not Want - Maverick City] - [Great Are You Lord - All Sons & Daughters] - [Jesus Paid It All/ Surrender All]