

# BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

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In preparation for Sunday, December 5, 2004

Passage: Habakkuk 3:17-19

Memory Passage: Psalm 56:3-4

**TODAY:** *From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?*

## DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

## READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read Habakkuk 3:16. What was the reaction of Habakkuk when he heard what the Lord was going to do (also consider 3:2)?

(b) Is fear a proper response when we hear about what God is doing? Can one fear and still walk in faith?

(c) Consider the following passages: Psalm 3:5-6; Psalm 112:7; Matthew 10:28; Luke 23:39-43; Hebrews 13:6; Revelation 3:10. Who should we fear? Who should we not fear? Which kind of fear did Habakkuk have?

(d) How did Daniel react when he saw the judgments of God (Daniel 10:4)?

(e) *Family:* Read Psalm 56. Talk about the things people fear. Why do they fear them? How can faith in God enable us to overcome any fear? Pray and place some areas of fear in the hands of God – trust Him for those areas. Repeat Psalm 56:3-4 together each day this week.

## DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

## READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read Habakkuk 3:16 again. What phrase in this verse seems out of place? Why?

(b) Read each of these verses: Psalm 16:8-9; 37:7; 116:7; Matthew 11:28-29 and Revelation 14:13. Make a list of the sources of this rest.

(c) Is resting *passive*? Do we just sit back and wait on God to work? Consider Psalm 37:1-9. What should we do? What should we refrain from doing?

(d) Why could the Psalmist rest even in the face of difficulties (Psalm 37:23-26; 32-40)? What difficulty is similar to the one in Habakkuk (Psalm 37:35-36)?

(e) *Family:* Read Deut. 33:1-4. Talk about waiting. Why is it hard to wait? What is the hardest thing you have ever had to wait for? How can trusting God's timing help you to wait? What is God's promise in Habakkuk 2:3?

## DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

## READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read Habakkuk 3:17-18. What kinds of conditions are described in verse 17? What does the psalmist say he will do even if conditions turn this bad?

(b) *What* are we commanded to do in Philippians 4:4? *When* should we do this?

(c) According to 1 Thessalonians 5:18, *why* should we always rejoice? What pleases the Father most? How does rejoicing in difficulties demonstrate a person's faith in God?

(d) Read Psalm 46. What kinds of situations does the psalmist mention here? Why is he able to rejoice even in such difficulties (verses 5, 7, 11)? What does the psalmist say we should do in verse 10? Where have you seen this in Habakkuk?

(e) *Family*: Read Daniel 1, 3 and 6. Summarize these chapters and discuss the difficulties Daniel and his friends faced under the Babylonians. What did they decide to do? Pray that God will give you the strength to be faithful to Him in every situation.

#### **DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

#### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) Read Habakkuk 3:18 again. Why does Habakkuk rejoice? In the situation or in something else? What is the difference?

(b) How is God described in verse 18? Compare this with Isaiah 25:9 and 65:10.

(c) Read Zechariah 9:9. Why is Jerusalem told to rejoice? Who is being described in this verse (compare Matthew 21:1-11)?

(d) Read Romans 5:1-5. Why does Paul tell us to “glory” in tribulations? What had he learned in his own life (2 Cor. 12:9-10)?

(e) *Family*: Read Psalm 27:1-4. Why was the psalmist able to be confident in every situation? Talk together about the kinds of good things God can make come out of difficult situations. Pray together about some difficulties you are facing.

#### **DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

#### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) Read Habakkuk 3:19. Who is the source of his strength? Where does our help come from according to Psalm 121?

(b) Where does our strength come from according to Eph. 3:16; Phil. 4:13; and Col. 1:11?

(c) Read Psalm 37:34-40. What does the psalmist say we are to do (vs. 34)? What will happen to the wicked (vv. 35-38)?

(d) Why will the Lord deliver His people (vv. 39-40; also see Psalm 28:7)? Does this apply to believers today?

(e) *Family*: Read Habakkuk 3:19. Why are “hinds” (mountain deer) able to walk in high places without falling? What is Habakkuk saying God enables him to do? Read Isaiah 40:28-31. Talk about what God gives to those who wait on Him. Have you seen a believer have His strength in difficult times? Share some of these together. Spend time thanking God for the strength He gives to believers in difficult times.

#### **DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

#### **READ THE PASSAGE**

*Think back through what you have learned each day this week.* Can you summarize what is the most important thing you have learned about rejoicing in all things? How is this part of the life of faith? How does God’s Word help you to walk in faith? Read over Habakkuk 3:16-19 again and give thanks to God for all He has done for you.