



This three week study using the book of Habakkuk explores the kind of faith that is hard to come by, and the kind of faith that will sustain you when hard times come by.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 Rick began by reminding us that *“Questions are an important part of saving one’s faith.”* How has that been true in your faith journey? Follow up: When have you been confused about why God allowed something to happen?

2 **WE NEED A FAITH... that will sustain us when we are between The Rock and a hard place.** Faith that is based on a lack of affliction lives on the brink of extinction. What did Rick mean by that statement? Follow up: **Read Habakkuk 1:1-2, Psalm 6:3 and 13:1-2.** Have you ever asked Him, *“How long?”* and, if so, what were the circumstances for you? How did your faith sustain you during those times?

3 **“How long” faith lives between how things are and how things will be.** God called on Habakkuk to exercise hard faith, the kind of faith that leaves the timing to God. **Read Habakkuk 2:2-3.** Has God ever said to you *“Though it linger, wait for it”*? What was that experience like for you and how did you grow during the waiting?

4 **“How long” faith does not interpret silence as absence.** What stands out about Habakkuk’s faith was his conviction that his lack of awareness of God’s presence did not prove God’s absence. Share an example of a time when you felt like God was absent. Looking back on that situation do you better understand the *“why”* behind the *“when”*?

5 **“How long” faith is certain of God’s ultimate triumph over evil.** Habakkuk wasn’t sure when the answer would come, but he was absolutely sure of the ultimate outcome. **Read Habakkuk 2:1.** What stands

out to you about Habakkuk’s posture? Follow up: Why is it so important to lean into the certainty of God’s ultimate triumph over evil? How has doing that helped you recently?

6 **“How long” faith rests in quiet confidence in the sovereignty of God.** If we had total understanding we would not need faith. **Read Habakkuk 2:20.** What encouragement do you find in that verse? Follow up: What is a situation where you need to remain faithful so that the conclusion of the matter might be that you are utterly amazed by God? How can this group help you in that process?

7 Rick closed by reminding us that *“Hard faith finds stability in the sovereignty of God when life gets slippery. And it helps others keep their footing as well.”* What resonated with you the most from the video testimony of the Ryan Christian family? Follow up: How has taking a moment to be silent and rest in the presence of God been a help to you in the midst of hard times? Spend a few moments in silence together before you pray.

