

# BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

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In preparation for November 28, 2004

Passage: Habakkuk 3:3-16

Memory Verse: Isaiah 26:3

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 Psalm 103:1-5. What are some of the reasons that the psalmist blesses the Lord in these verses? What do we tend to forget in difficult times?

(b) Read Psalm 103:6-7. What in these verses would give Habakkuk comfort and confidence even in light of the coming judgment on Israel?

(c) Read Psalm 103:8-12. What truths about God's forgiveness does the psalmist emphasize in these verses? What does the picture that he gives in verse 12 convey about God's forgiveness?

(d) Read Psalm 103:13-18. What does God know about each of us? How does the psalmist contrast this with the "mercy of the Lord" in verse 17?

(e) *Family*: Read Psalm 103. Talk about the good things that God did for Israel. What good things did He do for us in Christ? What good things can you remember that God has done for you and your family? Share some of these together and then spend some time thanking Him for each one.

## DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

## READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read Deuteronomy 33:1-4. In verse 2, *where* does Moses say the Lord came from? Compare this with Habakkuk 3:3-4. Does it appear that Habakkuk is referring to the same event (Numbers 10:12; Deut. 33:2)?

(b) According to Deut. 33:3-4, *why* did God give Israel the law?

(c) What was the attitude of David toward God's law in Psalm 119:97-99? In Psalm 119:109-114, where did David find his hope in difficult situations?

(d) What did he say in Psalm 119:165? How did Habakkuk's confidence in God's Word give him peace? Why does the Word of God give us peace?

(e) *Family*: Read Deut. 33:1-4. Talk about how the law of God is an evidence of God's love for us. What are the benefits we have since we have the written Word of God? Spend some time thanking God for His Word.

## DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

## READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read Habakkuk 3:4 again. Compare this with Hebrews 12:18-21. What was the experience of Israel before Mt. Sinai (also Exodus 19:10-13)?

(b) Read Hebrews 12:22-29. How is the experience of the believer different from the experience of Israel? What do we have that "cannot be shaken?" How should that confidence affect the way we live?

(c) What were the early Christians facing that might be similar to what Israel would face from the Chaldeans (Heb. 10:32-36)?

(d) Read 1 Samuel 5. Compare this incident with what is mentioned in the first part of Habakkuk 3:5. What is the promise that God gives to His own followers in Psalm 91:1-4? What shall be “your shield?”

(e) *Family*: Retell the story of 1 Sam. 5-7. Talk about that event together. Did it seem like a defeat to Israel? How did God display His glory? What had God promised in Hab. 2:14? How can we have confidence even when it looks like a defeat? Pray together as a family about a difficult situation that you know about? Pray that God will reveal His glory in that situation.

#### **DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

#### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) Read Habakkuk 3:8. What deliverance might Habakkuk have been remembering in this verse (Exodus 14:25-28)?

(b) Read Habakkuk 3:11-12. What incident might this refer to (Joshua 9:1-6)? What difficult situation were the people of Israel facing in Joshua 9?

(c) How did God miraculously help Israel in Joshua 9:7-15? What two miracles took place? Could God do the same to the Chaldeans? Will He?

(d) Read Hebrew 11:32-38. Has God delivered miraculously? Does He always do so?

(e) *Family*: Read Romans 8:28-38. Talk about how God delivers His people. Talk about the reasons that He sometimes allows them to die or suffer for His sake. Discuss how knowing His love gives us the ability to face such situations. Pray for strength to rest in His love no matter how difficult the situation.

#### **DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

#### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) Read Habakkuk 3:9-15. *Why* did God deliver Israel in the past? What reason is mentioned in verse 9?

(b) Read Luke 1:67-79. Why did Zachariah say that God had “raised up a horn of salvation” for us (verses 72-73)? How is this similar to Habakkuk 3:9? On what basis does God work?

(c) What is the reason in Habakkuk 3:15? What is God’s great concern today?

(d) Read Habakkuk 3:16. What is Habakkuk’s response to hearing about the coming judgment on Judah? What phrase in this verse seems out of place? Why? What does Isaiah 26:3 tell us?

(e) *Family*: Read Isaiah 26:3. How does keeping our mind on God give us peace? Talk about situations where knowing God is in control would help us to be able to be like Habakkuk and trust God even in fearful situations.

#### **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 remembering how God has acted in the past? How is this part of the life of faith? How does God’s Word help you to walk in faith? Read over Habakkuk 3:3-16 again and pray that you will not forget all the Lord has done for His people in the past.