

HABAKKUK: Habakkuk 1:1-11

This Sunday we began a new series in the book of Habakkuk.

Do you have any familiarity with the book of Habakkuk? Have you previously studied the book?

The book of Habakkuk deals with questions of why God allows bad things to happen, why He does not answer prayers the way we might like, and what to do when we face such circumstances and questions.

Have you ever wrestled with these type of questions? Specifically, have you ever wondered why God does not prevent certain hard things from happening? Have you ever wondered why God does not appear to answer prayers for certain things?

If you have asked those questions, were there any particular circumstances or events that caused you to wrestle with such questions?

How did you attempt to find answers to those questions?

What we saw from Habakkuk chapter 1, and will continue seeing, is that God does not often tell us “why” certain things happen?

Do you think people get focused on wanting to know why certain bad things happen? If you think they do, why do you think that is important to them?

Is it frustrating to know that God does not always tell us “why”?

Do you think that if God sometimes told us the “why” it would make the pain easier? Do you think it would make the pain worse? Do you think it would have no impact on the pain that we felt.

One point from the sermon was that “God might not erase the pain but He can redeem the pain.”

Have you ever faced a hard situation and, at a later point, seen some good that came from that situation or saw God use that situation for good?