

Sermon-Based Discussion Questions

April 28th, 2019

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS:

What was a highlight from this past week?

What was a challenge?

LIVING HOPE – Wishful Thinking?

This week we talked about having hope in the midst of challenging situations. We looked at how an Old Testament prophet named Habakkuk looked at the world and had a hard time reconciling what he believed to be true about the goodness of God and the pain, suffering, and injustice in the world.

READ: Habakkuk 1:1-4

Did you grow up in an environment where you felt safe to bring doubts and questions to God?

Habakkuk's name means "to wrestle" and "to embrace". And in this Old Testament book of the Bible we see Habakkuk do both: he wrestles with his doubt and at the same time he embraces what he knows to be true about God. Describe a time when you found yourself wrestling with God.

During a time that was (or is) difficult, how did you (or do you) continue to embrace God in the middle of the trial?

READ: James 1:2-4

What does this passage tell us about navigating our trials in life?

Our journey through life includes lots of ups and downs; mountain tops and valleys. Doug pointed out that our faith grows best in the valleys. Why do you think that is true?

Have you ever experienced that to be true in your life?

Doug said that "God would rather you shout at Him with your questions rather than walk away from Him." When it comes to being honest with God about your doubts or questions, how do you think questioning God can become a strengthening moment for your faith?

TAKING IT HOME:

What is your application for your life from this week's message?

CLOSING PRAYER:

Spend some time praying for each other.

****Challenge everyone to pray for each other throughout the week.*