

Sunday, October 23, 2022

THE MINOR PROPHETS: Habakkuk

Read/Reflect

- 1. Read Habakkuk 1:1-4 & 1:12-17; what are the questions Habakkuk is asking of God?
- 2. What, in your own words, are the answers that God gives (1:5-11; 2:2-20)?
- 3. Read Chapter 3. What in this prayer reflects something that the prophet has learned from asking "why questions" from God?

Explore

- 4. What "Why question" would you ask of God right now? What would you like his answer to be?
- 5. What is your typical reaction when your world is turned upside down?
 - □ Turn to something to help you forget,
 - □ Simply shut down or ignore the situation,
 - □ Face God with your fear and complaints,
 - Turn to God in trust for comfort.
 - Other:_____
- 6. When you ask "why?" of God how have you experienced God's response?
 - □ He gives me a reasonable answer,
 - □ He responds with silence (Ps.83),
 - \Box He reveals himself in a surprising way,
 - □ He calms you down with promises you can trust.
 - Other: ______
- 7. Habakkuk mentions several things in 3:17 that easily replace our trust in God and disrupt the ability to rejoice always (3:18). What might be things in your life that you trust instead to make you rejoice?

Pray

- Address some of the things mentioned in question 4 to God, spend a little time in prayer on each individual complaint.
- Then pray Habakkuk 3:2; 3:17 & 18; Psalm 83.