

Why Does God Seem Unfair? | Week 2 - God is Faithful In the Waiting

Big Idea

When life is unfair, wait and watch; God is in control.

Scripture

Habakkuk 2:2-5, James 1:4, and Hebrews 10:35-39

Overview

In our current 3-week series, we hope to discover how this Old Testament prophet, Habakkuk, navigates challenging seasons in his life and to do the same in our own lives during those times when it seems God is unfair.

Opening Question

What's the longest line you've waited in? How did you pass the time while you waited?

Bible Discussion

1. Habakkuk 2:2-5 contains part of God's response to Habakkuk's second complaint of why God tolerates evil, and it involves some waiting on Habakkuk's part. How might the concept of "the appointed time" in verse 3 relate to God's overall plan and purpose for individuals and communities?
2. Take another look at Habakkuk 2:4-5 and discuss what God dislikes and what He upholds. How do you see this play out in our world today and in your own life?
3. Read James 1:4. How does perseverance bring us to maturity and make us complete?
4. The Apostle Paul quotes Habakkuk 2:3 in Hebrews 10:37. Read Hebrews 10:35-39. How does this passage encourage you today?

Life Application

5. In Habakkuk 2:3, patience is emphasized. How can you apply the concept of waiting patiently for God's timing in your own journey?
6. Habakkuk 2 talks about the vision of having its appointed time. Can you share an experience where waiting for the right time brought about a positive outcome in your life?
7. How have the trials you experienced brought you closer to God or pushed you away from Him? Does James 1:4 change your perspective on that situation? Why or why not?
8. Take a moment to reflect on and remember God's faithfulness in a specific moment from your past. Or maybe God is doing something unique right now in your life. Share with your group as an encouragement, and end your time by praising God for His Goodness amid life's trials.