

Wounded



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The Point: When We're Wounded, God Understands

James 1:19-21

Discussion Generators

- Read Habakkuk 1:1-11.** What stood out to you from this week's Point? (they can be funny, serious, stupid, or spiritual)
- Was anyone surprised by Habakkuk's questioning God about what he was really doing? Why? Prior to Sunday's point what was your take on questioning God?
- Why do you think bad things happen to us? How do you feel towards God when bad things happen in your life or in the lives of people close to you?
- What is the toughest event in your life that you've experienced? How did you feel in the first days/weeks after that happened? How about a year later? How about now?

- How do/did others in your life react to what you are/were going through, both good and bad? What is the one thing that you dreaded hearing others say while you are/were going through the hurt?

- Was God a part of your hurt in any way either good or bad? How?

- King David lived through so much hurt in his life despite a life that appears to be completely blessed by God. David lived through his pain and had doubts often (**read Psalms 1:10**). David questioned God in these times and David was also fortunate to understand God's presence and love (**read Psalms 34:17 & 18**).

- During the point, we heard that bad things may happen for four different reasons: for our growth, discipline, ministry, and God's glory. When you look back on your own hurt and pain in life, have you seen any of those four reasons fulfilled?

- How have you seen those four reasons fulfilled in others lives?

Loving One Another

This series is going to be tough and very real. At times it may be too real. It is always important that we pray for one another and with one another. ***How can we be praying for one another as we go through this series?***

Bible Verses

Habakkuk 1:1-11 (NIV)

The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received. How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted. "Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwellings not their own. They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote their own honor. Their horses are swifter than leopards, fiercer than wolves at dusk. Their cavalry gallops headlong; their horsemen come from afar. They fly like an eagle swooping to devour; they all come intent on violence. Their hordes advance like a desert wind and gather prisoners like sand. They mock kings and scoff at rulers. They laugh at all fortified cities; by building earthen ramps they capture them. Then they sweep past like the wind and go on — guilty people, whose own strength is their god."

Psalms 10:1 (NIV)

Why, Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

Psalms 34:17 & 18 (NIV)

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.