

Wounded



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The Point: When We're Wounded, God's Still In Control

Habakkuk 2:20

Discussion Generators

•What stood out to you from this week's Point? (they can be funny, serious, stupid, or spiritual)

•**Read Habakkuk 2:18-19.** During the point we heard about different types of "idols" in our life that we often give more attention to and have more faith in than God. Bryan mentioned the desire for material things, his paycheck, job stability/supporting family, and relationships as some of his struggles. These things in and of themselves are not bad, but when do they become bad?

•What are the "idols" you have that you put your trust in and base your happiness on?

•How can putting our faith in these "idols" impact us when we become wounded by life experiences?

•**Read Habakkuk 2:20.** What does God mean here when He says that He is in His Holy Temple and to let all the world be silent?

•*Wounds require attention.* What is your nature in how you respond when you are wounded? Do you think it is important to surround yourself with the right kind of people when you are wounded? Why or why not?

• *Wounds come in all shapes & sizes.* Have you ever been on the giving end or receiving end of a wound comparison? Please describe. Why do you think it is so easy to want to compare and size up our hurts to others? How can understanding that help us be better at supporting those who are hurting?

• *Wounds are very personal.* What is your take on what Bryan said in regards to us not really being able to truly understand how others are feeling even if we experienced something similar? How does that point of view impact how we respond to others going through tough times?

• *Wounds define who we are.* This statement can mean so much. How can wounds in our lives define us in a negative way?...in a positive way? Do you think that we can do anything to help be sure that our wounds define us in a positive way? How?

• We heard some brief examples of how people's wounds became part of who they were/are in serving and understanding via C.S. Lewis, Corrie Ten Boom, and Kirk's mom. How have wounds in your life or someone you know been used by God to impact others?

• Habakkuk never got to see in his life the results of why God was allowing the suffering, but we get to see how God used five world powers to pave the way for Jesus to come and the gospel to be spread. Do you think that was God or mere coincidence? Why or why not?

• **Read Romans 8:35-39.** Paul is writing this to the early church and they are facing all kinds of persecution. What is it that inspires people going through so much to write and believe in such a thing? How can we apply this to ourselves?

Thinking Outside the Box

Take the opportunity this week to connect with someone that you know has been wounded recently or in the past that would not expect it. Spend some time with them and just be a friend. You don't need to "fix" them or offer advice. Just be there.

Bible Verses

Habakkuk 2:18-20 (NLT)

18-19

"What good is an idol carved by man, or a cast image that deceives you? How foolish to trust in your own creation— a god that can't even talk! What sorrow awaits you who say to wooden idols, 'Wake up and save us!' To speechless stone images you say, 'Rise up and teach us!' Can an idol tell you what to do? They may be overlaid with gold and silver, but they are lifeless inside.

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But the Lord is in his holy Temple. Let all the earth be silent before him."

Romans 8:35-39 (NIV)

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.