



A Guide for Spiritual Formation

Theme of the month:	Tears, Ashes, & Trumpets
Text for the Week:	Habakkuk 2:6-20
Message for the Week:	“Woe!”
Theme for the Week:	Our God is God Almighty, Our God is in charge

Lent 4

Opening:

What is one low (a bad thing) and one high (a good thing) that happened to you this past week? Write them down and take turns sharing them with the others in your group.

Where have you seen the work of the Holy Spirit in your life this past week?

What are some things that your parents warned you about when you were a child? When your parents tried to warn you about these things, how did you react?

Preparation:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with God to center and prepare yourself for your time with God today.

Read:

Read [Habakkuk 2:6-20](#) out loud.

What words, phrases, or ideas grabbed your attention and heart in these verses?

Write them down below and/or share them those who are with you.

Respond / Reflect:

In this passage, Habakkuk lists five “woes.”

Woe #1 – Exploitation (vs. 6-8) What is exploitation? Where do you see evidence of exploitation around you today? In your own life?

Woe #2 – Greed (vs. 9-11) What is greed? Where do you see evidence of greed around you today? In your own life?

Woe #3 – Violence (vs. 12-14) What is violence? Where do you see evidence of violence around you today? In your own life?

Woe #4 – Intimidation (vs. 15-17) What is intimidation? Where do you see evidence of intimidation, hazing, or shaming around you today? In your own life?

Woe #5 – Idolatry (vs. 18-19) What is idolatry? Where do you see evidence of idolatry around you today? In your own life?

“Try It!”

In the spirit of Habakkuk 2:6-20, write a 6th “Woe” for 2021.

Prayer:

Spend time in prayer regarding the things God revealed and that you discerned in your time with God today.

Also, spend time in prayer with/for the other people who are with you.

During this season of Lent, we invite you to pray this prayer:

Lord God, in this season of Lent, we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus’ death and our celebration of his resurrection. We pray that your Spirit will renew in us today our anticipation for these events and our awareness that Jesus’ death and resurrection are a sure source of hope and life. During this Lenten season, we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us to become more holy and loving. In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. AMEN

Missional Practice for the Month:

During the month of March, we encourage you to prayer walk your neighborhood several times each week. As you walk through your neighborhood/community, pray for those who are living in each house you pass. Be open to any conversations with neighbors you may encounter along the way. To learn more about prayer walking click [HERE](#).

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