



A Guide for Spiritual Formation

Theme of the month:

Tears, Ashes, & Trumpets

Text for the Week:

Habakkuk 3

Message for the Week:

"Yet!"

Theme for the Week:

God brings hope in the midst of our troubles

Lent 5

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?

Where is your favorite spot to watch the sunrise? How often do you go there? What do sunrises bring to mind for you?

Preparation:

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

Read:

Read [Habakkuk 3](#) 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:

“Faithfulness” is often defined in difficult times. Share a story of when someone was faithful to you; a story of when you were faithful to someone; a story of when God was faithful to you.

Read Daniel 3. What do you make of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego’s response to King Nebuchadnezzar in verses 16-17? What would your response be in such a situation?

Would you still love God if it didn’t benefit you personally?

How has our “journey” together through Habakkuk impacted you spiritually?

If Habakkuk were dropped from the Bible, what would be missing of God’s redemptive work in history?

“Try It!”

In Habakkuk 3, Habakkuk identifies a variety of difficult and devastating circumstances God’s people are facing. Amid these circumstances, Habakkuk yet affirms that “...he will rejoice in the Lord, he will be joyful in God my Savior.” We also face difficult and devastating circumstances. We invite you to name these circumstances and affirm God’s power by filling in the sentence blanks below.

Example:

“Though I haven’t been healed physically, yet I will rejoice in the Lord and be joyful in God my Savior.”

“Though... , yet... .”

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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