

CONNECTION GROUP

Habakkuk- Week 3

How to Respond to an Enemy.

God calls us to love everyone and hate evil. Yet groups that persecute Christians make this difficult for us to love. As a group work through the following passages, discuss what you think these passages state. Once you discuss the passages, answer the following Question. How should Christians respond to the persecuted and the persecutors?

- **Romans 12:9-13, Romans 12:14-21** (Look at this chapter in sections between the persecuted vs.9-13 and persecutor vs.14-21 and note the response to both.)
- **Matthew 5:43-48** (“perfect” vs.48 means Perfect in Love, not sinless)
- **Titus 3:1-7** (This is Paul’s encouragement to the Christians in the way they treat adverse people)
- Other helpful Verses: Ezekiel 33:11; Proverbs 31:9; 1 John 4:20; Revelation 2:6 Isaiah 1:16-17; Micah 6:8;

Working through Habakkuk 2

What Fives sins does God pronounce woes upon in 2:6-20? Which of those do you see most often in the world around you? Hint The woes are Chapter 2 vs.6-8,9-11,12-14,15-17,18-20.

What are the three assurances God gave Habakkuk in the midst of the “woes” (see 2:4,14,20)? Which assurance means the most to you? How does vs.20 Relate to Isaiah 11:6,9?

When you see the woes described in Habakkuk 2, what is the root cause of all the woes described? What is the solution? How does verse 4,14,20 point to the solution? Why do you think God ended with the 5th woe? Is there a specific reason for it? What is the distinction between the idols in verse 19 and God in verse. 20? What do you believe God wants us to recognize from verse 20?

NOTES:

Extra Reading: In Habakkuk 2:18-20, God gave his final of 5 woes against religion. A Woe is a warning to a man facing death. Compare this to Matthew 23:13-33. What kind of statement did Jesus make to oppose the Religious leaders during his day? Notice how soon afterward Jesus died on the cross. Why is Habakkuk and Jesus so opposed to religion? Why is their opposition so strong? What do you believe is the solution?

Weekly Memory Verse: Psalm 12:6