Text: Habakkuk 1:1-11

Topics: Justice, Trust, Questioning God

Series: Habakkuk

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Where is Justice?

I. Habakkuk's Complaint (1-4)

His complaint: God *isn't* doing something about *sinfulness*.

His context:

II. God's Response (5-11)

Look: God *is* doing something about *sinfulness*.

Learn: God will judge sinfulness.

When it comes to justice, I can let <u>trusting</u> God replace <u>questioning</u> God.

God's justice is seen most clearly in His <u>Son!</u>

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

- 1. Have you at times felt frustrated with people and leaders in our nation? Can you give an example(s)? How did it make you feel? What did you do?
- 2. Read Jeremiah 12:1-6. What is Jeremiah's complaint (v. 1-2)? Why does he take it to God (v. 1)?

What does Jeremiah want God to do and why? (v. 3). What is Jeremiah's complaint in verse 4?

Can you think of a time when you've had the same complaints and wanted God to do something similar? Explain.

How does God answer Jeremiah in verses 5-6? If God gave you this answer, how would you feel and what would you do?

3. Read Jeremiah 12:7-14. God tells Jeremiah of the coming judgment on Judah through the Babylonians. (v. 9, 12, 14). Who does God especially hold responsible and for what? (v. 10-11)

What does God reveal about Himself in this passage? (v. 7-8, 15)

God reveals His will not only toward the Israelites but other nations in verses 16-17. What is His will?

What does God want you to do, and not do, when you feel frustrated with the injustices and betrayal of people and leaders?

4. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?