

**1. Habakkuk finds hope in the LORD**

- a) Habakkuk 1:1-4 What was the historical context for the prophet Habakkuk's anguished cry to the LORD?
- b) Who were some contemporary prophets who also experienced suffering and trials?
- c) What healthy decision did Habakkuk make during this time of intense trial? Habakkuk 2:1
- d) Habakkuk 1:5-11 The LORD's response to Habakkuk doesn't seem very encouraging. Why?
- e) What word of hope finally came from the LORD? Habakkuk 2:2-4
- f) What beautiful confession of hope in the LORD comes at the conclusion of Habakkuk's book? Habakkuk 3:17-19
- g) Why is the concluding message of Habakkuk's book something worth singing about?
- h) What other songs of hope can we sing during times of suffering and trial? Psalm 61:1-4, 143:7-11, etc.

**2. Job finds hope in the LORD**

- a) You've read the book of Job. Does the LORD ever explain to Job why so many terrible tragedies happened to him and his family?
- b) Job 19:21-26 How does this confession of Job demonstrate an indestructible hope even though he might not feel hopeful?

- c) Finally, the LORD answers Job out of a whirlwind. How does the response of the LORD provide hope to Job even though all his questions are not answered? Job 38:4-7 (Job 38-41)
- d) What are your thoughts about Job's confession recorded in Job 42:1-6?
- e) How can we, like Job, find hope in the LORD even when we don't have answers to all our questions?

**3. Inspired counsel that brings hope during times of suffering and trial**

- a) The recipients of the letter to the Hebrews had suffered greatly as followers of Jesus. (10:32-33) What important lessons can we learn from the inspired counsel recorded in Hebrews 12:1-13?
- b) What invitation from the LORD Himself gives us great hope during times of suffering? Psalm 50:15
- c) What other promises of God provide hope even in challenging times. Isaiah 41:10-13, Jeremiah 29:11-13, John 16:33, etc.
- d) Share a time when you found hope in the LORD during a time of suffering and trial.
- e) How would you respond to a friend who says, "It's not fair! I don't deserve all this suffering. I feel like God has abandoned me. I have lost all hope!"?

