

Sermon Discussion Guide




From Woe to Wow

Habakkuk 2:6-20

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read the sermon scripture(s) listed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Read Habakkuk's complaint in 1:2-4, 13-14. Have you ever had a similar complaint against God?
- 2 What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

WOE

- 3 What does "woe" mean in your own words? Why is it a good thing that we have a God who says, "woe"?
- 4 *Woe to those who mistreat people.* What are the various kinds of mistreatment of people condemned in Habakkuk 2? Which one stands out to you the most?

- 5 *Woe to those who abuse creation.* Have you ever been guilty of abusing God's creation?

Discuss the following quotes from the sermon:

"Christians should out do environmentalists in their passion for God's creation."

"PETA people have a better theology than most evangelicals when it comes to animals."

Read Proverbs 12:10 and Jonah 4:11. What do you think having "dominion" over the animals means? Should Christians care about the source of their food? Should Christians trophy hunt?

- 6 *Woe to those who worship idols.* What is being emphasized about idolatry in Habakkuk 2:18-19? In your own words, how do idols lead us away from God?

WOW

- 7 God says to Habakkuk, "I am in control". Have you ever felt like God ceased being in control of the universe? What do you think it means to "keep silence" before God?
- 8 God says to Habakkuk, "I am going to fix it". According to the Bible, what will a renewed world be like?
- 9 What was the point of the illustration about the Matterhorn and sardine cans?
- 10 Why is "From Woe to Wow" an appropriate description of Christianity?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?