

Surviving Suffering



Habakkuk 1 Anguished Prayer

Intro: How do you cope with suffering in your life and with injustice in the world? If you pray about that, what sorts of things do you pray?

Read Habakkuk 1:1-4

Look through and list what Habakkuk is concerned about:

What does Habakkuk believe God should be doing?

Read Habakkuk 1:5-11

What does God promise that he will do?

How does that feel to you?

How did that feel to Habakkuk?

Read Habakkuk 1:12-13

Look through and list what Habakkuk believes about who God is:

Why does what Habakkuk believes cause him stress?

- ⇒ What do we discover about the life of faith from this?
- ⇒ What do we discover about prayer from this?

From v6: What is surprising about what God says about the Babylonians' rise to power?

What does that say about God's relationship to the nations of the world?

What do we learn about world events from Habakkuk 1?

What do we learn about prayer from Habakkuk 1?

Prayer

- Think of situations of suffering and injustice in your life, in London, in this country and around the world.
- Have a go at praying about them in the way that Habakkuk does in v2-3 and v12-13 ...