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Week 4: The righteous will live by faith!

WELCOME

Spend time relaxing and sharing together.

Icebreaker. Can you think of a situation when waiting turned out to be the best course of action?

WORSHIP

Alternatively listen to a hymn or worship song that speaks of how we can have faith in Jesus Christ. For example Cornerstone by Hillsong
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvLxZEU02uI>

Alternatively Read Psalm 27. The psalm describes various attributes of God. Which ones are you drawn to? Use these attributes to praise the Lord.

WORD

Read Habakkuk 2.1-5

1. What do you think were the benefits of Habakkuk getting to a place where he could “look to see what [God] will say to [him]”?

2. How are these benefits applicable to us?

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Read Psalm 130

3. The psalmist described his feelings as he looked to God. What characteristics of God encouraged him as he did this? How can these same characteristics help us?

Read Acts 1.1-11

4. Jesus specifically instructed his followers to wait for the Holy Spirit to come to them. What do you think encouraged them to obey Jesus despite their confusion?

Read Lamentations 3.19-27.

5. What encouraged the writer of Lamentations to wait for God?

6. “The righteous person will live by faith” is the key verse. It’s quoted three times in the New Testament: in Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; and Hebrews 10:38. In what ways is living by faith individualistic and/or corporate?

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WHAT NEXT?

Habakkuk didn't turn away from the Lord because of the injustice that he saw; rather he turned to the Lord to seek to understand why there is injustice and to call up the Lord to do something about it.

We have even more reason than Habakkuk to have confidence because we know the great truths of who Jesus is and what he has done for us; through his life, his death, his resurrection and the hope that his return brings.

We can easily lose the corporate dimension of our faith if we don't meet together. We can become influenced by the western individualistic thinking. We do our own thing as individuals, we have our own individual rights, therefore we can see ourselves primarily as individuals and secondarily as members of society. But Jesus calls us to be the church, not a building, but a people in communion with each other, and we are stronger and more effective when we come together in Christ.

Hebrews 10.24-25 says,

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Consider together how we can do this.