

Connecting

Share a high and a low from your week.

What was the biggest change you had to adjust to as a child? How did it turn out?

Understanding

Read Habakkuk 3:17-18, 1:2-3, 2:1, 2:4, 3:19. What's most meaningful to you from these verses? Do you have any questions? What was Habakkuk's initial complaint? What was God's answer? What was Habakkuk's strategy for handling these problems?

What do you learn about joy from the message or from these verses?

In the context of these passages, how would you describe the difference between joy and happiness?

Living

Have you ever experienced joy in the midst of this quarantine or other trying times?

Who from your life comes to mind when you think of the connection between faith and joy?

What aspects of Habakkuk's journey toward joy resonate with you?

Take time to pray for the Lord to give you this joy that can only come from Him.

Personal time of reflection:

Spend time this week focusing on Habakkuk 3:17-18. Replace some of those phrases ("the fig tree does not bud", "there are no grapes on the vines", etc.) with what's currently going on in your life.

Next Week: Perseverance in Uncertain Times