

Lesson Aim: To discuss and apply the idea that the righteous (followers of Jesus Christ) are called to live by faith and faithfulness.



connecting

Bridge LifeGroups are currently on summer break. We will continue to offer study questions each week in this more simplified format, which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet for a portion of the summer months.

1. **Read Habakkuk 2:2-4.** In Habakkuk's day it often seemed as if individuals and/or nations were getting away with evil (also cf. Habakkuk 1:1-4). Does it ever seem to you that this is also true today? Why or why not?

2. What is a key responsibility for the righteous (follower of God) who lives in a world full of evil and injustice (v. 4)?

3. What hope do the promises of Habakkuk 2:14 and 2:20 offer the righteous in this regard?

4. What is the difference between becoming acceptable to God by faith versus becoming acceptable to God through religious effort?

5. What is the difference between living by faithfulness in God versus always trying to earn God's approval?

6. What are some reasons we often try to separate the concepts of faith and faithfulness?

7. Why is it important for the follower of Christ to consider faith and faithfulness together?

8. What are some ways you are sensing God is challenging you to live by faith/faithfulness?



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Close by praying through any needs that were mentioned and however else the Lord leads you.

HABAKKUK

The righteous will live by faith(fullness)
Habakkuk 2:4b
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MYSTERIES REVEALED IN HABAKKUK 2

- ▶ MYSTERY #1: Are individuals and/or nations going to get away with evil forever?
 - ANSWER #1: Nope! (Habakkuk 2:13, 20; Romans 14:12)
- ▶ MYSTERY #2: When all is said and done, who is going to come out on top in the end?
 - ANSWER #2: God wins (Habakkuk 2:14; Numbers 14:21; Isaiah 11:9; Daniel 31-35, 44)
- ▶ MYSTERY #3: How do I get on the winning side?
 - ANSWER #3: The righteous person will live by faith. (Habakkuk 2:4b; Proverbs 10:25)

THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH

- ▶ Commonly held myth: The righteous will live by religious effort.
 - Romans 1:17; 3:9; 6:23; Galatians 3:11; John 6:28-29; Ephesians 2:8-9

PRINCIPLE A: God's favor comes as a gift... righteousness in God's sight cannot be earned or deserved through our own efforts, abilities, or achievements.

- ❶ True or False
- ❷ True or False
- ❸ (a) (b) (c) (d) (e)

THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITHFULNESS

- ▶ *Righteous* = an individual whose personality and behavior are acceptable to God
- ▶ *Live* = to be, think, speak, and act
- ▶ *Faith* = love for, always seeking, reliance on, hope in, obedience to & trust in God

PRINCIPLE B: You cannot separate faith and behavior. (cf. Hebrews 10:36-39)

PRINCIPLE C: The righteous believer is one in whom God's righteous character is being reproduced.

SUMMARY: He who has faith in God will be faithful to God.