

## Marinating in God's Word: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 3:17-19, Philippians 4:6-7

Ask about a favorite book of the Bible, and you're not likely to someone cite the Minor Prophets. And yet we hear God's word through them too. Thus we are focusing this summer on a portion of the Bible we tend not to know very well.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- Habakkuk begins his book (1:1-4) with hard questions for God about the mess in the world and his own life, and concludes with a grand affirmation of faith (3:17-19) that the Lord is working good, despite life's mess. When was a time you had hard questions for God? Did you dare to speak your questions to God or to someone else? What happened?
- Is it possible to be fully realistic, describing life's challenges straight up, without quenching our trust in God? How?
- Paul gave his own take on bringing questions to God (v. 6). How does that parallel to Habakkuk's questioning? And Paul described a peace that transcends circumstances (v. 7). How does that parallel Habakkuk's affirmation?

Next week we will focus on Joel.