

## **Bible Summary**

Habakkuk 1:1-4  
Evil and Suffering

Habakkuk is unique among the prophets because he doesn't speak to God's people about their wayward ways but to God about His ways. He lodges a series of complaints to God. The first is the subject of the sermon. The complaint is why is there so much evil and suffering in the world.

Scriptures: Habakkuk 1:1-4; Genesis 1-2; Revelation 21-22; Numbers 32:23; Jeremiah 2:19; Proverbs 6:32; Job 42:7; Isaiah 53:4-8; John 9:1-7; Romans 8:28; Jeremiah 32:33-35; Romans 5:1-5; James 1:2-4; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Genesis 50:20; Deuteronomy 32:5; Esther 9:22; Psalm 30:11, 126:5-6; Isaiah 61:3-7; John 16:20; Lamentations 3:33; 2 Peter 3:9

## **Bible Questions & Application**

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.  
There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's teaching challenge your thinking?
2. How has suffering shaped you?
3. Are there different types/causes of suffering? If so, why does that matter?
4. Is suffering part of God's ultimate perfect plan? Why or why not?
5. Is suffering God punishing me? Why or why not?
6. God doesn't need suffering or cause it, but He can use it. Does God make us to suffer to teach us a lesson?
7. Why doesn't God just eliminate evil? (2 Peter 3:9)
8. Is there a current area of suffering you're grappling with that we can pray for you about?