

Seacoast Vintage

Small Group Questions: The Watchman

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Read: Ezekiel 3:17 and Habakkuk 1, 2:1

Reflect

Habakkuk doesn't waste time in getting to the point. In chapter one we get a glimpse into his heart and the world around him. He is distraught over what he sees and is looking to God for answers. Just as Habakkuk 1 gives us a glimpse into his heart and mind, Habakkuk 2:1 gives us a glimpse of his posture and faith. There is an expectancy in his going to God. He expects God to answer and is prepared to wait on his reply. What can we learn from Habakkuk? How can we learn to come before God as he did? What can we learn as we seek to wait on and watch for God in our everyday lives?

1. The Natural Watchman: Read 2 Samuel 18:24-27 and discuss the importance of the "natural" or physical watchman.

- a. Is a Servant
- b. Is a Soldier
- c. Is a Seer

2. The Spiritual Watchman: As you read over each passage of scripture, discuss the importance of each attribute, reflecting on areas where you could grow spiritually as you seek/watch after God.

- a. The Stand in God's Presence (Psalm 63:1-3)
- b. They Sense God's Spirit (Ezekiel 3:22,24,14)
- c. They See God's Work (Jeremiah 1:11-12)
- d. They Speak God's Words (Isaiah 21:6, Ezekiel 3:17)
- e. They Serve God's Cause (Leviticus 6:12-13)

Pastor Tope mentioned that the attributes of the Spiritual Watchman are all tied to interceding on behalf of others. What have you been called to "watch over"? What would these attributes look like in our context or in the areas where we feel most burdened? Discuss this as a group and share your thoughts.

3. The Heavenly Watchman

God Watches:

- a. Over your Spirit (emotions, thoughts, feelings)
- b. Over your Soul (spiritual)
- c. Over your Situations (Circumstances)

Respond

As you reflect on these points that Pastor Tope gave, do any passages come to mind from scripture that would bolster your confidence in God's personal keeping and watching over your life? Do you know of something or someone that God has called you to watch over? Discuss how you can encourage one another on as you wait and watch.

