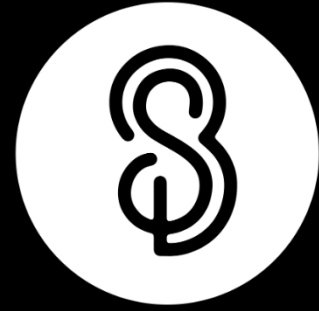


STONEBRIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Note to the Host: *Thanks for leading your group, creating community, and caring for your people! Remember, this is your group, and you have the freedom to navigate the conversation that best fits your group's dynamic. People come first!*

ICEBREAKER:

Describe a situation that did not work out the way you thought it should. How did you respond?

TALK IT OVER:

These questions are based off the sermon that took place on Sunday. Feel free to revisit any of the scripture that was discussed in the message. Answer as many questions as your time allows; don't feel pressed to get through them all!

1. Read 1 Peter 4:12-13. According to these verses, what should our response be to situations that do not turn out as we expected?
2. From the book of Habakkuk, Steph Rowe shared principles for responding to anxiety and worry. First is the **prophet's complaint**. Read Habakkuk 1:12-13 and 17 and describe the complaint. How is this similar or dissimilar to your response when things do not go as you thought they should?
3. Second, the **prophet waits**. Often when we ask God, we come demanding, setting up a timeline or facing the situation from our own perspective. After reading Habakkuk 2:1 describe the attitude the prophet takes in his waiting.
4. Our faithful God does respond to the prophet. Read Habakkuk 4:2 and paraphrase God's response.

5. Last, the **prophet declares**. Read Habakkuk 3:1-2 and 17-19 and describe Habakkuk's response to what God revealed.
6. Habakkuk did not just practice positive thinking and try to shut out the idea of losses, instead he acknowledged those problems for what they were and trusted that God was greater than all the difficulties. Think of a current situation that is causing you worry or anxiety. How might you share this complaint with God?
7. Habakkuk stated that even though he would lose everything, he would continue to have faith in the Lord. Based on this lesson, other Bible passages and past experiences, what can you claim about God and his provision during these times?
8. Read Philippians 4:6-7 and describe how these verses will help you take your next steps when you are anxious or worried.

PRAYER:

Please don't stress about the time of prayer, pray however your group feels comfortable. This can either be one person pray, or you can go in a circle and have each person pray a few sentences. Be sure to change it up so your prayer time stays fresh in your group!

- Make sure that everyone has a chance to share!
- Encourage all praise reports! Celebrate what God has done!
- Have someone record and distribute the requests to your group, to pray over throughout the week.

Week #3, Chaos Dragons, April 21, 2024