

### **Questions for Further Reflection – Nahum:**

1. Why is it important to have a balanced view of God? How is God's anger at cruelty, immorality, wickedness and injustice rooted in God's love for humanity? If God's righteous indignation at our inhumanity to one another did not exist, what would that do to God's love? What kind of love would it be?
2. What kinds of things do you get angry about? What kinds of things do you get indignant about? What kinds of things in Scripture does God get angry or indignant about? Is there a difference between the two lists? If so, who needs to change – you, or God? How?
3. Why is it important to be honest with God about our feelings, even when they are negative and not truly in accordance with his will? Read Psalm 139. What does this Psalm have to say about our need to be honest with God?

### **Questions for Further Reflection – Habakkuk:**

1. Pastor Tim gave an overview of King Josiah's reforms. (You can read the story for yourself in 2 Kings 22-23, if you like.) Why do you think the people went back to their old ways once Josiah was dead? Why did Josiah's reforms only work for a little while? How do you think permanent change is achieved?
2. How is the tone of Habakkuk different from the other minor prophets right from the start? Pastor Tim said one of the things Habakkuk teaches us is that it's okay to question God. Do you agree or disagree? If you agree, why do you think it's important to question God? If you disagree, why do you think it's important not to question God? How does God react to Habakkuk's questions and complaints?
3. Do you think Habakkuk was a doubter? Pastor Tim said it's okay to question God's motives and actions, but not God's character. What's the difference in your mind?
4. If you had to sum up the message of Habakkuk in one word, what would it be and why? How does remembering that "God is God and we are not" help us in everyday situations? How does it help us confront problems that arise in our lives? How can it keep us from being anxious, frustrated, worried, or feeling like a failure?