It's a God Thing You Would Not Understand.

Does anyone have a praise report this week? Does anyone have any troubling issues this week? What can make a person feel distant from God? Has there ever been a time in your life when you felt God was silent in your life? How did you feel about it and what was your actions? What are some reasons why God would seem to be silent in your life?

Psalms 22:1-2

*How did the psalm writer feel about his relationship with God?

*Is it wrong to feel this way?

*Did Jesus ever feel this way?

*Besides feeling forsaken, what two specific complaints does the sufferer have about what he perceives to be God's behavior in 22:1-2?

*Even though the Psalmist feels forsaken by God, what does he continue to do? *What should we do when God seems silent or distant? Is this easy or hard for you to do?

Matthew 24:10-14

*Why do you think MANY will turn away from the Faith?

*When Jesus says the Faith does that mean faith in God all together or follow some other type of belief?

*Why will they start to hate each other?

*What did Jesus mean by many false prophets?

*Will they be teaching the Bible but in a false way or will they be discreating the bible?

*In verse 12 will many listen and will there be a big change?

*How grounded are you in your Faith?

*Why must we be?

*Will the one that stand firm be the one's to preach the Gospel or just out standing firm be testimony enough?

*How will all these people be so easy to deceive?

*Have we seen some of this deception today?

*What are some of the ways?

Habakkuk 1: 1-11

At what time period in Judah's history is this written? How do you know? *What does the text tell us about Habakkuk? *How would you describe Habakkuk's attitude in this chapter? *Why is he confused? *What is the core problem he is asking God about? *Is Habakkuk being prideful to talk to God like this? Should he remain quiet rather than testing God? Why or why not? *Are there any lessons we can learn from him about prayer? *What are things you see in this world that may confuse you? *When you have doubts or confusion about your experiences or things you witness, how should you deal with it before God? *What does God tell Habakkuk to do in verse 5? *How will Habakkuk respond to His plan? *What words are used in verse 5 which show how Habakkuk will respond? *Who are the Chaldeans? *How does God describe the Chaldeans? *List out all the descriptive words He used for them here. *What is the picture that you are getting about this group of people? *What is God going to use them for (verse 11)? *What lesson do we learn about God from this passage?

Habakkuk 1:12-17

*What is Habakkuk's view of God?

*How does Habakkuk react to God's "astonishing" answer?

*Why is he still confused?

*What is the core of his concern with God's stated plan (verse 13)?

What lessons can we learn from Habakkuk about communicating with God?

Habakkuk 3:16-19

How did Habakkuk feel about all of the things he had heard? But what did he decide to do? What lessons can we learn from his decision to wait patiently in the face of such terrible trials? What can we learn from Habakkuk about the relationship between emotions and

action?