



THAT'S WEIRD

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KEY SCRIPTURE | Habakkuk 1:5–11

DISCUSSION GUIDE

"God works in mysterious ways." How often have you heard that? How often have you said it? It's a trite answer we offer each other when times are hard and we just don't know what else to say. There is truth to it, but when you're the one going through a tough time, it doesn't help much unless you think about what it really means.

Remember the story of Joseph (Genesis 37, 39–47)? He went through the wringer—sold into slavery by his own brothers, falsely accused of sexual assault, sent to prison . . . But God redeemed it all. In the end, Joseph was put in charge of Egypt, reconciled with his family, and able to feed all of Egypt and the surrounding areas during a seven-year famine!

Sometimes God's ways just don't make sense to us because we don't have all the information and we don't think the way He does. But just because we don't understand Him doesn't mean He isn't there, working things out.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Looking back at your notes from Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Is there anything about the opposite sex that just doesn't make sense to you?
3. If God is in charge, why does He let the "bad guys" win?
4. What kinds of prayers (if any) do you typically pray during tough times—natural disasters, civil disorder, unjust circumstances?
5. Read Romans 8:28. How can a good God work through bad circumstances?
6. Read Isaiah 55:8–9 and Jeremiah 17:7–8. How do these verses change how you view the events in Habakkuk 1:5–11? How do they affect how you view your own circumstances?

CHALLENGE

Make a list of three difficult circumstances from your own life (or someone else's)—times when you questioned God, when you were confused, or things just didn't make sense.

Reflect on each one—have you seen "the weirdness of God" yet? What does it look like? If you haven't seen it, watch for it—you never know what God will do!

