

Based on your feedback, we will be walking through the Book of Habakkuk and collaboratively building a five week sermon series that each of us can take back and adapt for our own churches.

One of the main reasons we are doing this is because preaching can often become an isolated task. While each of us is responsible for faithfully preaching God's Word to our own congregations, none of us sees every nuance of a passage or brings the same life experiences to the text. By studying Habakkuk together, we'll sharpen one another, challenge one another's thinking, and benefit from the collective wisdom God has given each pastor around the table. **The goal isn't for us all to preach the same sermon, but for each of us to leave with a deeper understanding of the text, richer applications, and a stronger sermon than we likely would have developed on our own.** Personally, I find this can be the greatest benefit from our time together and is one of the reasons I am grateful to be part of a thriving association.

Our first meeting will be August 18 at 9:30am-12:00pm at FBC Kenedy.

During each ILF gathering this semester, we'll outline one sermon together, working from the assigned passage and aiming for a traditional three point preaching outline. I realize not everyone preaches in this style or prefers it, but keeping the format simple and consistent will help us stay on track and produce outlines that can be adapted to your own style and church context.

Before our gatherings, I'm asking each of you to come prayed up and prepared. Attached is a Scripture Meditation exercise for you to, personally, work through the passage prior to attending each gathering. This will help you read and apply the text personally before we work on it together. **This step is vital as it allows us to prepare and preach from the overflow of what the Spirit is already doing in our hearts.**

I'm also including a [Sermon Development Worksheet](#) you can utilize in the week leading up to our meeting. The purpose of this worksheet is to allow you to form your thoughts and have them ready to share at each gathering. You're not required to use it, but it's there to help us make the best use of our time and steward it well. Also, please familiarize yourself with the Series Map I've attached, which shows how we've divided Habakkuk into five preaching sections as well as the dates and times we will meet.

When we meet, come ready to share insights, experiences, and wisdom. **While listening is valuable and there will be moments for quiet reflection, this collaboration will be most fruitful when everyone contributes.**

If you have any Qs, please let me know. I want to ensure we are all on the same page prior to our first gathering. I'm looking forward to seeing how God will use our mix of life experiences, ministry contexts, and perspectives to shape not only strong sermon outlines but also stronger preachers.

PS: Feel free to share this with a pastor friend or anyone who feels called into preaching ministry. We would love to have them join us.

DOWNLOAD: [Sermon Development Worksheet](#)

THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK - SERIES MAP

SCBA - Gambrell ILF - Sermon Collaborative

This fall, our ILF gatherings will be devoted to collaboratively building a 5 week sermon series through the Book of Habakkuk. Each meeting, we will pray together, study a specific passage, share insights and applications, and develop a full three point sermon outline (Intro, Body, Conclusion). Here's how we've divided Habakkuk into five preaching sections.

SERMON 1: Habakkuk 1:1-4

- August 18, 2026 @ FBC Kenedy
- 9:30am - 12:00pm

SERMON 2: Habakkuk 1:5-11

- September 1, 2026 @ FBC Kenedy
- 9:30am - 12:00pm

SERMON 3: Habakkuk 1:12-2:1

- October 6, 2026 @ FBC Kenedy
- 9:30am - 12:00pm

SERMON 4: Habakkuk 2:2-20

- November 3, 2026 @ FBC Kenedy
- 9:30am - 12:00pm

SERMON 5: Habakkuk 3:1-19

- December 1, 2026 @ FBC Kenedy
- 9:30am - 12:00pm



SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

PASSAGE: _____

HOW TO MEDITATE ON SCRIPTURE?

Silence: Start with silence. Choose to be silent for 1-3 minutes. Part of being silent before the Lord is allowing yourself to get focused and free from any distractions. During this time, focus on a characteristic of God and slowly repeat it in your mind. Some examples include: God is - loving, merciful, gracious, good, etc.

Meditation: Take a passage of scripture and take some time to meditate on it. You will read the same passage 4 times and after each reading ask yourself the following questions.

1 1st Reading: What does the passage say about God? Underline any words or phrases that stick out to you.

2 2nd Reading: What does the passage say about mankind? Circle any words or phrases that stick out to you.

3 3rd Reading: Is there a word or phrase the Spirit is drawing you to? If so, what message do you sense He is trying to communicate to you?

4 4th Reading: What might the Spirit be leading you to do? Is there an action step that needs to be done?