

# LIFE GROUP

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### The Comparison February 22, 2026

#### Summary

In this sermon from Habakkuk 1:12–2:1, Kyle explains that when life feels confusing or unfair, our instinct is to compare: “Who is more wrong? Who is more sinful? Why would God allow certain people to be in control?” Habakkuk wrestled with this when God chose to use wicked Babylon to judge Judah. It didn’t seem right to him. But comparing sinfulness misses the bigger truth: All of us have sinned (Romans 3:23), and if we belong to Jesus, it’s only because of grace, not because we were less guilty. God is in control of who is in control, and He sometimes allows hard people and difficult situations to discipline and grow us out of His love (Hebrews 12:5–6). Rather than getting stuck in comparison, we are called to wait on God, trust His purposes and believe He is at work—even when we don’t understand what He is doing.

#### Scripture

Lord, are you not from everlasting?  
My God, my Holy One, you will never die.  
You, Lord, have appointed them to execute judgment;  
you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish.  
Your eyes are too pure to look on evil;  
you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.  
Why then do you tolerate the treacherous?  
Why are you silent while the wicked  
swallow up those more righteous than themselves?  
You have made people like the fish in the sea,  
like the sea creatures that have no ruler.  
The wicked foe pulls all of them up with hooks,  
he catches them in his net,  
he gathers them up in his dragnet;  
and so he rejoices and is glad.  
Therefore he sacrifices to his net  
and burns incense to his dragnet,  
for by his net he lives in luxury  
and enjoys the choicest food.  
Is he to keep on emptying his net,  
destroying nations without mercy?  
I will stand at my watch  
and station myself on the ramparts;  
I will look to see what he will say to me,  
and what answer I am to give to this complaint.  
Habakkuk 1:12--2:1 (NIV)

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...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.... Romans 3:23 (NIV)

And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,  
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,  
because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.” Hebrews 12:5-6 (NIV)

### Let’s Start

If comparison were an Olympic sport, what category would you medal in? (Parenting? Social media? Cooking? Productivity? Fitness? Patience?)

### Gratitude and Prayer

How has God been at work in your life since we last met?

### Let’s Talk

1. When are you most tempted to compare yourself to others, especially in difficult or unfair situations?
2. How does remembering that “all have sinned” (Romans 3:23) change the way we view people who seem worse than us?
3. Why is it comforting to know that God is in control of who is in control? Where is that truth challenging for you?
4. Can you think of a time when God used a difficult person or situation to grow or humble you?
5. What does it practically look like to “stand at your watch” and wait for God (Habakkuk 2:1) instead of reacting or comparing?
6. How does choosing to **follow Jesus completely** change the way we respond when we feel more right than someone else or when a situation feels unfair?

### Let’s Act

When you catch yourself comparing this week, pause and pray instead. “Lord, what are you trying to teach me?”

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