

LOOP Study Guide In Due Time: Week 6

Key Scripture:

Habakkuk 2:12-14

Theme: What Are You Building While You Wait?



1. CONNECTION (Icebreaker + Setup)

Icebreaker Question:

- What is something you worked really hard to build or achieve that didn't turn out the way you expected?

OR

- Have you ever rushed something (a decision, relationship, purchase, opportunity) and later realized it cost more than you anticipated?

Transition:

We live in a world obsessed with speed—quick success, fast growth, visible progress. But waiting seasons reveal what we truly trust. When God feels slow, we often start building something ourselves.

2. SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Habakkuk 2:12–14 “Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by injustice! Has not the Lord Almighty determined that the people’s labor is only fuel for the fire, that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing? For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”

Key Truth:

If you don't trust God to move in due time, you will try to manufacture results ahead of time.

3. UNDERSTANDING THE THIRD WOE

Babylon was:

- Expanding influence
- Growing power
- Building visibly

But God wasn't impressed. The issue wasn't construction. The issue was cost. They were building something impressive externally while compromising internally.

Big Idea:

You can build something impressive and still build it wrong.

You can:

- Gain ground and lose yourself
- Expand influence and shrink your integrity
- Grow something large that God never intended to sustain

When growth outruns character, collapse is only a matter of time.

4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

A. Waiting Reveals What We Trust

1. When God feels slow in your life, what do you naturally try to control or “build” to feel secure?
2. What does waiting tend to expose in you—faith, fear, anxiety, ambition, control?

B. What Are You Building?

3. What are you currently investing the most time and energy into building (career, reputation, security, relationships, influence, etc.)?
4. Is there any area where growth might be outpacing your character or intimacy with God?

C. Foundation Matters

Read **Matthew 7:24–27** (House on the Rock).

5. What does it practically look like to build your life on Jesus—not just believe in Him?
6. How can you tell when something in your life is built on appearance instead of foundation?

D. The Fire Reveals It

Habakkuk 2:14 reminds us that God's glory—not ours—fills the earth.

7. If everything external were stripped away (position, success, recognition), would your sense of identity and security remain steady? Why or why not?

5. APPLICATION

Personal Reflection

Take a quiet moment and ask:

- What am I building right now?
- What is it costing me?
- Is Christ determining my alignment, identity, and direction?
- Would this survive God's testing?

Practical Step This Week

Choose one:

- Prioritize intimacy over activity (add intentional time with God before productivity).
- Slow down a rushed decision.

- Confess an area where ambition has outpaced obedience.
- Realign one habit around Christ as cornerstone (finances, schedule, relationships, integrity).

Key Statement to Remember:

You don't just invite Jesus into your life — you build your life on Him.

6. EVERY SOUL • EVERY STREET APPLICATION

When lives are built on sand:

- Storms isolate people.
- Pressure exposes instability.

When lives are built on Christ:

- Storms strengthen presence.
- Pressure produces stability.
- People become anchors for others.

We don't just want people saved.

We want streets stabilized.

A strong foundation in you becomes strength for someone else.

7. CLOSING PRAYER

Close in prayer asking:

- For God to reveal any areas built on ego, fear, or control.
- For courage to slow down and trust His timing.
- For Christ to be the true cornerstone of your life.
- For Fresh Start to be a church that builds deeply, not just visibly.

Final Encouragement

In due time:

What's built on pride burns.

What's built on ego erodes.

But what's built on the glory of God stands.

The fire doesn't destroy what God built. It reveals it.

So the question isn't whether you're building.

The question is whether your foundation can survive the storm.

THINGS HAPPENING AT FRESH START CHURCH:

- **Easter Food Drive** - This outreach is part of our ongoing Every Soul Every Street initiative — a commitment to intentionally step beyond our church walls and meet people right

where they are. Visit our website or the Church Center app to see items we'd like brought in that will be given out to families in our community.

- **The Table Women's Gathering** - Sunday, March 22nd. Connecting Fresh Start women of all ages and stages of life for friendship, growth and encouragement. Event is free of charge. Bring a "theme based" appetizer or dessert dish to share. We'll be getting to know God and each other a little better.
- **Grief Share Group** - Wednesday, March 4th. Join us at Fresh Start Church for Grief Share, a supportive community where you can find comfort and healing after the loss of a loved one. Our Grief Share sessions provide a safe space to share your journey, connect with others who understand, and receive guidance from experienced facilitators.
- **ImpACT Golf Classic Giveaway Baskets** - Our ImpACT golf tournament will benefit the Atlantic City Rescue Mission this year. Our LOOPs are asked to help provide giveaway baskets that will be raffled off this year to help raise more funds.

Here's a message from the tournament's organizer, Jim DiDomenico with more info...

LOOP contribution has continued to make an extraordinary effort by providing IMPACT Auction Basket Prizes. Below is a list of guidelines to help build your basket:

1. The basket prize value minimum of \$80
2. Arrange items in the basket nicely and neatly to show appreciation to auction participants for their support.
3. Don't hesitate to go outside your loop to help build your basket. Great way to extend God's love working through Fresh Start.
4. Creative ideas are wide open, but here are a few past gems: Sport Equipment Basket, Kids Toys Basket, Grilling Basket, Pet Basket, At The Shore Basket, Spa Basket (a gift card can be used to accent the basket)
5. Date to collect baskets is requested to bring Sunday morning at either of the services. Please put inside the big glass room in lobby. Truly Thankful For Coming Alongside Each Classic Mission Event