

Joel

Big Idea

Joel speaks to God's people at a moment of crisis; he spoke to wake them up so that they would realize the grave danger they're living in. He exhorts them to return to the Lord, urging them that no matter how late it may seem it is never too late to return to their God, and He will receive them with blessing!

Scripture: Joel 2:12-17

Discussion Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the book of Joel?
2. When you think of repentance, do you normally get a positive or negative sense? Why? How does Scripture view repentance?
3. Can you think of other Scriptural examples of repentance/returning to God?
4. Read Joel 2:12-17 & 1 Corinthians 7:10-11.

What insight do these passages give us to discern if repentance is genuine? When you have to apologize (repent) to someone, is your apology characterized by these things?

5. Read Joel 2:13.

How does God's character draw you to Himself (to repentance)? Are there times when you resist God's drawing?

6. This week, ask the Holy Spirit to search you & see if there is any separation between you and God; if there is, what will you do to return?