

THUS SAITH THE LORD

After the Locusts

Pastor Jeff Bucknam | Joel 1:13–20

Ice Breaker Question: tell us of a time you were caught doing something wrong as a kid and/or teen. How did you respond?

UNDERSTANDING THEIR STORY- (Theological background of the text preached)

Read Joel 1:13-20 as a group.

In these verses, Joel is imploring God's people to repent and mourn not only for the circumstances they find themselves in but also for their sins.

Read Exodus 20:3, can you recall some stories of when Israel did worship other gods? How did those stories end?

Have your group look up these three passages, Isaiah 13:6, Ezekiel 30:2-6, and Zephaniah 1:7, what is similar about them to the passage in Joel? What is different?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY- drawing a line to Jesus and how we see Christ in all of scripture

1. Read Luke 13:1-5, do you see any parallels with the Joel passage?

2. Jesus also mentioned the day of the Lord. In light of what we have learned in Joel, what does the day of Lord mean for us? Additional texts: James 5:8, Mark 13:29, Matthew 24:32.

APPLY TO OUR STORY- Learning how to live in light of the truth.

1. Understanding the "day of the Lord", what are we called to do?

2. What does repentance look like? How should we respond when we recognize our sin?

3. Share with your group a time when you received a "moment of clarity" about your sin. How did God show you and how did you respond?

Accountability questions:

What in your life do you need to repent of now?

Where do you struggle to accept and see God's mercy in your life?

Who in your life do you need to invest in?

Prayer Prompts:

We have a God of redemption who meets us in our brokenness.

Thank the Lord for redeeming the broken things in your life.

Ask repentance for the sins in your life.

Ask for strength to obey the Lord