

"Joel 1" Sam Burleson, August 6, 2023

Connect with each other in joy and concern

As time allows, general conversation about the sermon is welcomed.

Discussion Questions

Around the circle: (A question to get everyone talking and involved)

If you had to describe your perfect day, what would it be like and where would God be in that day?

Select Few: (Questions designed for a few group members to offer personal experience or vulnerable insights.)

- Joel was a prophet who was deeply marked by the prophets who came before him. Who are the spiritual leaders who have gone before you that have marked your life? And what are the marks they have left on you?
- If idolatry is the attempt to make God in our image rather than consent to have God make us in God's image, what are the idols that you struggle with?
- We began with the perfect day. Now, consider the darkest day of your life. What was it like and what was your experience with God on that day?
- In Joel, common tools of connection with God (wine and grain) where gone. What are the things you commonly turn to in order to establish communion with God?
- When those items that facilitate divine connection are gone, what do you turn to? Or what do you need to consider turning towards in order to reestablish that connection in the season of absence?

Closing Prayer