



"Joel 3, Part 1" Erin Burlison, September 3, 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)

When you show up in a space/event or connect with new people, what signals safety for you? (emotionally, physically, spiritually, mentally)

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

- When have you experienced restoration? What was lost and needing to be restored? How did this help fuel growth and stability?
- Reread Joel 3:4-5. Explore the differences between ideas such as karma, vengeance, and retribution. What difference does it make for you and your faith, knowing that God actively confronted and corrected the oppressors?
- What patterns, practices, promotions might make our faith community appear "unsafe" for others? How might we start to shift that perspective?
- Where might God want to use you as a "Defender". Who would benefit from your action on their behalf?

Closing Prayer

