

## Getting To Know You

1. When you think of repentance, what comes to mind? Explain.
2. When you think of God's judgement, what comes to mind? Explain.
3. Andrew Storm said, "Instead of Repentance, people are getting all kinds of counterfeit spiritual experiences. There seems to be almost no discernment at all" Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
4. J.I. Packer said, "Repentance, as we know, is basically not moaning and remorse, but turning and change". Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
5. Thomas Watson said, "Many think they repent when it is not the offense but the penalty that troubles them". Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
6. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

## Digging Deeper

1. Who is Joel? What are some possible dates or ranges of when he lived? What are some of the most popular views? Why is it difficult to date? What was the purpose of the book? Who did Joel prophesy to? Who was his primary audience? What is the theme of the book?
2. What is a solemn assembly? How many times is it referenced in Joel? What is the purpose of a solemn assembly? Where else in scripture is it mentioned? What are the contexts or circumstances that it is most often mentioned? Explain.

Have you ever attended a solemn assembly? Explain. What are the desired results? How can we apply it to our context? Explain.

3. What are some verses or passages from Joel that come to mind? Where is Joel quoted in the New Testament? What is going on in Acts 2? How is Acts 2 the fulfillment of Joel 2? What does Peter say? As believers, what is the application for us? What is the blessing we receive that Joel prophecies about?

What role does the Holy Spirit play in the life of a believer? How does the fulfillment of Joel (the indwelling of the Holy Spirit) change everything? In what ways is different for us as N.T. saints, then O.T. saints? Are you personally experiencing the blessings that come from this? Explain.

4. Do you/we ever minimize our own sin? Explain. What are the consequences of sin? What are the results? What is Joel trying to communicate to Judah? Explain. Who was guilty? Who does Joel start with when it comes to judgment? Where does he end up at? How has everyone, including the priests, experiencing or are going to experience judgement?

How does this apply to the church? You? Are we experiencing any of God's judgment right now? Explain. What is the solution? Explain.

5. What does repentance mean? What does it look like? Why is it necessary? What does it produce?

Where do you need repentance? What are you missing out on, because of sin? What sin/s do you need to confess and repent of? Do you ever look at our world, culture, or society and point out their needs for repentance, but avoid it in your own life? How does Jesus address this in Matt. 7:3-5? Where does repentance need to start? Where did it need to start in Joel's day? Explain.

6. What does restoration look like? What is involved? What does it produce? How can we experience this in our own lives? How will Judah experience it? When they do, what is it going to look like? What does God promise? What does Joel describe?

#### Growing Closer

1. Who is someone you shared the gospel with this week?
2. What have you been reading in your quiet times?
3. What has God been teaching you?