

Sermon Title: True Repentance

Sermon Text: Joel

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1. What's something from the book of Joel that has stayed with you after hearing the sermon this week?

Option 1: Watch the Bible Project Video

Scan the QR code below to watch a short video that gives an overview of the book of Joel.



Option 2: Read Joel Together

The six sections below cover the entire book of Joel. Take turns reading as a group.

- Joel 1:1-12
- Joel 1:13-20
- Joel 2:1-17
- Joel 2:18-27
- Joel 2:28-32
- Joel 3:1-21

2. What caught your attention in the video or reading? Was anything confusing, surprising, or especially meaningful to you?

3. In one or two sentences, what would you say is the message of Joel?

4. In the sermon, we heard that “God’s judgment comes upon all who sin, and Christians are not exempt from God’s judgment” (see footnote ¹). Does that surprise you? Why or why not?

5. What typically motivates you to repent? How do Joel 2:13 and Romans 2:4 invite us to repent?

6. In Joel 2:12, God calls His people to return with all their heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Have you ever responded to sin in this way? If so, was that experience of repentance different from other times?

7. The sermon pointed out that ‘*Confession is not repentance; it’s the first step toward it.*’ What other steps do you think there are between acknowledging sin and true repentance?

¹ In the Bible, judgment is about evaluating actions and motives, discerning between good and evil, and what’s real and what’s fake. Paul tells us that ‘*We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad*’ (2 Cor. 5:10), but he also writes, ‘*There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus*’ (Romans 8:1). Christians will experience God’s judgment on their sin (Gal. 6:7-8) as a form of discipline to shape us into the image of Christ (Heb. 12:6, 10).