



## INTRODUCTION

The locust invasion is a foreshadow of the great and dreadful Day of the Lord. God, in grace, warns of its coming so that we might come to God who offers us mercy now.

## INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

## OPENING DISCUSSION

- Read **Joel Ch 2:1-17**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?

## REVIEW

- Its been thousands of years since Joel's prophecy. What does he mean that the Day of the Lord is "near" (v1)?
- Why is the Day of the Lord coming on Zion (V1)? What does this tell us about God's judgment?
- What historical event is Joel predicting in vv1-11?
- What do you learn about God from vv12-14?

## APPLICATION

- How can God's judgment give you power to forgive? Does it?
- How has the judgment of God been used to bring you to faith in God? Should it (see v12)?
- Do you ever weep over your sin? Why or why not? Should you (see v12)?
- What do you think of the blessing God gives to the repentant in v14?
- Do you ever pray like Joel instructs the priests to pray in v17? Discuss.

## PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs