

Series: Beauty from Pain, a study in Joel

Sermon: "...return to me with all your heart..."

Primary text: Joel 2:1-17

Discussion guide:

- Have you ever received or given an insincere apology? Share the story
- What makes for a sincere apology?
- Why should we still take sin seriously?
- Read Joel 2:1-11
 - What is Joel saying here?
 - Why does sin deserve God's wrath?
 - Read Romans 6:23, Why are the wages for sin death?
 - How is sin still a threat for the Christian?
 - Who can endure the day of the Lord?
- Read Joel 2:12-13
 - What does it mean to repent?
 - When can we repent?
 - What does the first line of vs. 13 mean to you?
 - Why is being convinced that you're guilty essential to sincere repentance?
 - Why should our sin cause us to mourn?
 - What does believing that God is good and He loves us essential to sincere repentance?
 - How does the notion that Jesus could come back at any time make you feel?