

Joel: The Serious Love of God

For the Love of God Series

Discussion Questions

- 1) Why is it important to understand the prophets were calling people back to obedience to the covenant? How does understanding the covenant help us understand the books of the Minor Prophets?
- 2) **Read Deuteronomy 28:1-18.** Why do you think God so carefully details blessing and curses for Israel?
- 3) **Read Joel 1:1-10.** How does Joel describe the locust plague so as to give the reader a sense of the complete devastation they caused?
- 4) **Read Joel 2:1-11.** Explain in your own words, “The Day of the Lord.” What happens? How does Joel describe the Day of the Lord so that we can see how a locust plague gives a picture of it?
- 5) When you face a sudden hardship in life, do you get angry with God or do you run to God?
- 6) Even though we are not under the Mosaic Covenant, how can the hardships in our life help us remember our spiritual need for God?
- 7) **Read Joel 2:12-13.** Do you ever doubt God will forgive you and receive you because of what you have done or are doing? If so, explain why in light of this these verses.
- 8) What does it mean to repent? Why does true repentance only begin in a person’s heart?
- 9) **Read Joel 2:28-32.** (See also Acts 2:14-21). How did Jesus’ death and resurrection bring about the fulfillment of Joel’s prophecy?
- 10) Summarize how the book of Joel helps us understand who Jesus was and what He did for us.