

### **Warming Up**

What jumped out at you or stuck with you from the message this past weekend?

Share about a time when life throw you a curve? What was your response?

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### **Digging Deeper**

What is your knee jerk response when you think of the “Day of the Lord”?

Why can’t we simply worship God our own way? Isn’t it a beautiful thing to be able to walk with God in whatever way allows you to feel good? What are the consequences of such thinking?

Why is repentance important in the life of a disciple/apprentice of Jesus?

Why doesn’t God simply “smite” our enemies and get this all over with?

How are we to interpret devastating things that happen in our lives?

**Read Joel 2:13-14.** What does it mean to “rend” your heart? How have you seen the grace and compassion of God in your own life?

**Read Joel 2:28-29.** What do you think are the purposes of “sons and daughters” prophesying, dreaming dreams and seeing visions?

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### **Bringing it Home**

**Read Romans 8:28.** How do you interpret this when everything is falling apart in your life?

**Pray for one another.** Practice, when you pray, to not only pray for God’s healing and deliverance for struggles your group may be facing, but pray also for them to see God, sense His presence and have the strength to endure.