

Week of April 2, 2023

Philippines 3:7-15

Joel's Vision Fulfilled

14 Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, "Fellow Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and pay attention to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it's only nine in the morning. 16 On the contrary, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 And it will be in the last days, says God,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all people;
then your sons and your daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.

18 I will even pour out my Spirit
on my servants in those days, both men and women
and they will prophesy.

19 I will display wonders in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below:
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.

20 The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the great and glorious day of the Lord comes.

21 Then everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.,

Questions:

- How does being around someone who is skeptical/cynical make you feel?
- Skepticism is the delusion of power and protection of the weak and wounded.
 - What is the difference between a skeptical attitude and critical thinking?
- We must look for the presence of the Spirit as a sign of their allegiance to Jesus
 - Read 1 Samuel 16v1-7. What does this story of David's anointing teach us about finding those God wants to use? How do you measure if someone is ready to be used by God?
- Prophecy is a message inspired by God, communicated through a person.
 - When was a time that someone spoke to you and you sensed God's voice to you?
 - When was a time that you felt God might have given you something to share to someone else. What did you do? Why?
- The looked forward to message of the Gospel is an invitation to be saved.
 - How would you explain what it means to be saved?
 - Why should Joel's vision bring us joy instead of skepticism?