

11. Pastor Brian said, “When the church feels insecure and threatened by a hostile world, it can turn to Joel for support.” Why is this true? How can this encourage you today?



HEART

12. In one word, summarize the teaching of Joel. How does this make you feel as a Christ-follower?
13. Knowing that you have hope in Christ and that the “day of the Lord” is coming, how should this knowledge motivate you to live for Christ daily?



HANDS

14. What are some steps you can take today to share the gospel with others before they have to face the “day of the Lord?”
15. Which of the four practical applications stood out to you the most this week? What will you do in response?

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JOEL

Pastor Brian Williams

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Division of Joel:

- I. Lessons from the Past
- II. Lessons from the Future
- III. Lessons from God’s Sovereignty

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. Never _____ the value of family discipleship
2. When _____, God may use a series of events to get our attention.
3. Genuine _____ must precede forgiveness and restoration.
4. For those that place their _____ in the Lord, the _____ is bright.

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH

1. Think of a time when you experienced a natural disaster. What did you feel during and after this experience?
2. Has there been a time in your life when your hopes and dreams were suddenly and unexpectedly dashed? How did you react?



BIG IDEA OF SUNDAY'S SERMON

In a world of hostility and despair, the believer finds true hope in God.



HEAD

Read Joel 1-3

3. From the text itself, what did you hear/learn that you did not know before this weekend?
4. Pastor Brian mentioned that the book of Joel is concerned with the “day of the Lord.” What is the “day of the Lord” according to Joel?
5. Compare Joel 1:3 and Deuteronomy 6:4-9. What valuable lesson is taught in these two passages? How can you put this teaching into action in your life?
6. In 1:10-12, there are eight things mentioned that would be affected by the coming disaster? In Hebrew thought, seven is the number of completion. According to Pastor Brian, what is the significance of the eighth item?
7. Joel 1 mentions who and what would be affected by the impending disaster. They are drunkards, the land, farmers, and priests. Why do you believe God tells Joel to call on all these to our as a result of what was coming? Is there any significance to the variety of people and the land that is mentioned?
8. Why does God allow disasters and calamities to occur? Are all disasters and catastrophes a result of God's judgment?
9. Why do people fail to repent and turn to the Lord after He allows something to happen to get their attention? What are some typical responses that pastor Brian mentioned in the sermon? Are these responses legitimate? Why or why not?
10. How would 2:23-27 have provided hope for God's people in Joel's day? How does the message of Joel provide hope for believers today?