

# CONNECT GROUP NOTES

*For the week of May 12, 2019*

## **The Quick Review**

*The Message Core*

The message title Sunday was **New Grain and New Wine** from Joel 2:18-.31.

The big idea from the message was this: *God is jealous for His people and will bless them in the end.*

*The Outline*

Verse 18	The God Directive
Verses 19-23	The Directive of Mercy
Verses 24-27	The Directive of Blessing
Verses 28-29	The Directive of Life
Verses 30-32	The Directive of Justice

*Quotes and Cross References*

Joel 2:18-32

“It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.” - C.S Lewis

Things Jesus offers us these things for the taking:

- He offered Himself as the Bread of Life - John 6:25-59
- He came that we might have life - John 10:9-10
- He offered rest for the weary - Matthew 11:28
- He offered the Holy Spirit - John 7:37-38

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” - Jeremiah 29:11

## Connecting Your Story

- How does your story connect with God’s story in Joel (and in all the scriptures)? What is roaming your mind and stirring your heart?

## Digging Deeper

1. What do you make of God being jealous of His people in v. 18-19?

What Joel understood about God’s name is crucial. His name represents His character. Read this out loud and memorize.

*“Yet even now, declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and **rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.**”*

(Joel 2:12–13, ESV)

2. God sends us blessing to worship Him. It had been taken away (Joel 1:9). Now he will restore the relationship (2:19). How do you restore your own relationship with God?
3. Who is the “northerner” in v. 20?
4. In v. 25 God says “I will repay you for the years ....” of the locust plague damage. What did this mean for God’s people then? What does it mean for you?
5. How would you describe the Holy Spirit’s activity in your life? (v. 3:28-29)
6. How can we apply v. 32 ... “then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved ...?”

## Take it Home

How can you live out this message. Try to list one thing.

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## Prayer Requests:

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