



Pod Bible Reflection Questions for the week of 12/4/16 Joel 2:12-29

Follow Up on Last Week's Response

1. What plan will you make to spend more time immersing yourself in God's goodness so that you can love Him more?
2. How will you respond to this passage in your relationship with God (Up)? In your relationship with those in the church (In)? Or, in your relationship with those outside the church (Out)?

Read the Passage(s): Joel 2:12-29

Introduction

1. Why do people tend to deny or justify their sin and brokenness?
2. The Israelites in Joel's time felt pretty hopeless; describe a time when you have felt hopeless like that.

What Does it Say? (Context? Who? What? Where? How? Why? When?)

1. Describe the setting of Joel 2.
2. What is God specifically calling His people to do through Joel? (2:12-14)
3. What reasons does God give Israel to encourage them to repent? (2:12-14)
4. What does it mean to repent? (2:12-14)
5. How will God respond if His people do repent? (2:15-26)
6. What future promises does God make to His people "afterward?" What event is Joel describing? (2:24-34)

What Does it Mean?

1. Why are confession and repentance our greatest opportunity for joy and freedom? (2:12-14,18-26)
2. How can we short circuit the repentance process and miss out on a deeper life with God?
3. How does true repentance differ from just trying to walk away from our sin?
4. What are some of the barriers to honestly addressing the depth of our sin with God?
5. How does God's promise of the Holy Spirit effect our spiritual life and growth? (2:28-29)

What Will We Do?

1. When will you spend time in honest repentance with the Lord this week?
2. How can you respond to this passage in your relationship with God (Up)? In your relationship with those in the church (In)? Or, in your relationship with those outside the church (Out)?

Pray Together about What God is Inviting Us to Do