

Joel 1-3 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From Joel 2:1-11 what was near (v1) and what would it be like (v2, 3, 6)? What would the invaders be like (v4-5, 7-10)? Whose army was this (v11)?	
5. Using 2:12-17 how was Israel to prepare for this day (v12, 13, 15, 16, 17) and what would be their hope (v13-14, 17)?	
6. Looking at 2:18-20 what is God's promise (v18, 19, 20)? Why will He act in behalf of His people (v18)?	
7. According to 2:21-27 how will God restore Israel (v22, 23-24, 25, 26)? What will be the result (v26) and what will this show (v27)?	
8. Read 2:28-32. What spiritual promises (v28-29) and earthly events (v30-31) will occur in the last days (see Acts 2:14-21)? How do we get to be on the Lord's side (v32)?	
9. From 3:1-8 where will all armies be gathered in the day of the Lord (v1-2) and why (v2-6)? What further justice would God render to the nations (v7-8)?	
10. In 3:9-17 what will God do to the nations on His "day" (v9-12, 13-16), and what will He do for His people (v16-17)?	
11. Based on 3:18-21 what is Judah's destiny (v18, 20-21) and why (v19)?	
12. Think about Joel's message. How was the plague of locusts like the day of the Lord? What does this book teach us about responding to God's judgment and His restoration?	

Scripture to Remember

"Then I will make up to you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the creeping locust, the stripping locust, and the gnawing locust, My great army which I sent among you."

Joel 2:25 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Why I Love the Church (Matthew 16:13-18)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. What are some of the types of buildings and why are they important? Talk about some things you learned from a building or remodeling project you did.
2. Read Matthew 16:13-18. Is the church Jesus speaks of a building or something else? What type of building are we (His "called out ones") that Jesus is building?
3. What does Jesus humanity mean to you? What about His deity? Why is it significant that He said, "I will build My church"?
4. Discuss the confession of faith that Peter made (v16)—and why this (and not a pope or pastor) is the foundation of the church that Jesus is building.
5. How does the church advance Christ's kingdom in the world? What are some of the ways that the gates of hell try to prevent this?
6. Specifically discuss the part God wants you to play in letting Christ build His church through you.
7. If there is time bring up anything else from the message that you would like to talk about.



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Weapons of Mass Destruction

Introduction to Joel 1-3



It is good when God gets in our face and straightens us up through His Word.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

There is a lot of attention given to weapons of mass destruction today because of the devastation such weapons can cause. In the same way God has numerous weapons of mass destruction at His disposal that should cause us to pay attention to His desires for us. The book of Joel reveals one of these weapons that God used in the ancient world—locusts. There was nothing more fearful to a nation in that time that to hear the whirring wings and loud chirping of locusts as they destroyed all vegetation in sight. The physical destruction, like our natural disasters today, caused not only economic devastation, but emotional trauma as well. There was mourning throughout the land, and the priests had to decide how to respond to this judgment of God as

they envisioned it. They were to set themselves aside for fasting, proclaim a solemn assembly and cry out to the Lord. This was serious and it called for a serious response. This physical picture provided a parallel with the future “day of the Lord” in which God would destroy all who had rebelled against Him. Just like locusts, the armies of God would defeat

II. Experiencing God’s restoration
 III. Enjoying God’s justice

Daily Study Questions for Joel 1-3

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Joel 1:1-7. What happened to Israel in Joel’s time (v4, 6) and what were the effects (v5, 7)? Why do you think God told them to tell this to the following generations (v1-2)?</p>	
<p>2. Using 1:8-12 what were the physical effects of this plague (v10, 11, 12) and the emotional effects (v8, 9, 11, 12)? Compare this to the effects of some of today’s natural disasters.</p>	
<p>3. Looking at 1:13-20 how were Israel’s to respond and why (v13), and how was the nation to respond (v14)? Why (v15-20)?</p>	