



Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Joel 3:1-21

Introduction: If you knew that today was your last day, how would you spend it?

Overview: In this passage God concludes His message concerning the Day of the Lord. In the end God will gather the nations and expose their sin, despise their bargaining, and judge their rebellion. In contrast, God will gather His people to bless them, to vindicate their suffering and restoring them forever. These prophecies point us Christ's return and encourage us to set out hope fully on the coming Day of the Lord.



Into the Word

In verses 1-16 God describes His final judgment. What charges does God bring against the nations? How does this passage demonstrate that God's judgment is just?

Compare: 2 Corinthians 5:10

Read Revelation 6:9-11. Why is God's wrath for sin a consequence of His holiness? How is God's wrath an expression of love for His people?

Resource: Wrath Is Not an Attribute of God

Compare Joel 3:17-18 and Revelation 21:1-8. How do both of these passages describe the Day of the Lord? Why does God focus on holiness in these descriptions?



Into the Heart

Read Romans 12:17-20. How do we normally respond to injustice? How does the Day of the Lord shape our response to injustice, especially if we suffer as a Christian?

Resource: Christian Non-violence Requires God's Vengeance

Read 2 Peter 3:10-13. How will remembering the Day of the Lord motivate us to confess and repent of our sin daily?

Compare: 1 John 3:3



Into the World

How has the message of Joel changed how you approach seasons of hardship?
Consider: 1 Peter 4:17

How can hardship in our lives provide opportunities to share the Gospel with others?
Consider: 1 Peter 3:14-17.

Resource: Suffering Opens a Door for the Gospel