

Opening Passage

Joel 12:12-14

12 "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

13 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.

14 Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God?

Outline – 5 questions for the book of Joel

- 1) What is going on in Joel?
- 2) How does Joel fit into the Bible's story?
- 3) What does Joel tell us about God? About us?
- 4) What can we take away from Joel?
- 5) If you only had Joel, how would you share the gospel with someone who doesn't know Christ?

Questions to think about:

1) In one sentence: What is Joel about?

2) What does repentance mean? Why should you make a practice of repentance? How can the book of Joel help Christians learn how to repent?

3) If you only had Hosea, how would you share the gospel with someone who doesn't know Christ?

NEXT WEEK: AMOS

The Minor Prophets: **Joel**