

The 12: Joel - Two
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Reflection & Discussion Questions

Fear and condemnation have never produced lasting life change

When the source of fear is removed, we still have unchanged hearts.

*How have you seen this play out in the prophet stories we've studied?

*How have you seen this to be true in your life?

'Then' or 'on that day' God will do for us what we could never do for ourselves

Read and discuss Joel 2:18-27(NIV)

¹⁸ Then the LORD was jealous for his land
and took pity on his people.

¹⁹ The LORD replied to them:

"I am sending you grain, new wine and olive oil,
enough to satisfy you fully;
never again will I make you
an object of scorn to the nations.

²⁰ "I will drive the northern horde far from you,
pushing it into a parched and barren land;
its eastern ranks will drown in the Dead Sea
and its western ranks in the Mediterranean Sea.
And its stench will go up;
its smell will rise."

Surely he has done great things!

²¹ Do not be afraid, land of Judah;
be glad and rejoice.

Surely the LORD has done great things!

²² Do not be afraid, you wild animals,
for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green.
The trees are bearing their fruit;

the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.

²³ Be glad, people of Zion,
rejoice in the LORD your God,
for he has given you the autumn rains
because he is faithful.

He sends you abundant showers,
both autumn and spring rains, as before.

²⁴ The threshing floors will be filled with grain;
the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

²⁵ "I will repay you for the years the locusts have
eaten—

the great locust and the young locust,
the other locusts and the locust swarm—
my great army that I sent among you.

²⁶ You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,
and you will praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has worked wonders for you;
never again will my people be shamed.

²⁷ Then you will know that I am in Israel,
that I am the LORD your God,
and that there is no other;
never again will my people be shamed.

*What do you see about God in these verses?

*What hope is found in 'THEN' or 'ON THAT DAY'?

Joel predicts – and Peter announces – the Old Testament cycle is done

Read and discuss Acts 2:17-21 (NIV)

¹⁷ "In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the
Lord.

²¹ *And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'*

*What do you see in Peter's quoting of Joel in this passage?

*What would it look like to embrace and believe in the shift to a New Testament lifestyle?

One way to embrace the new day is keeping our focus on Jesus at the center

The prophets show us that a fence mindset never worked.

*How does the New Testament approach spirituality and God different from the Old?

*Do you tend to focus on the boundaries or the center most times?

*How can we continually remind ourselves that we live in the ONE DAY?

Visual reflection (Visio Divina)

[Pours Out His Spirit](#) by Mindi Oaten

Song for reflection

[God So Loved](#) by We The Kingdom