

JOEL

STUDIES FOR SUMMERLEAS GOSPEL COMMUNITIES
IN THE PROPHET JOEL



JOEL

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1	Introduction to Joel
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INTRODUCTION:

A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF JOEL

Joel is one of the twelve minor prophets that contains a short collection of prophetic poems that were given to Joel, a prophet during the time of Israel's history most likely after the Babylonian exile around 500-400BC. Like many of the prophetic writings, it announces judgement on Israel for their sin as well as judgement for the nations and then the message of hope of the restoration of God's people.

Although it only has three chapters, this little book explores very profound topics of human sin and the destruction it causes, God's character and mercy to a sinful humanity and the ultimate hope that God offers.






There is a graphic from the Bible Project in the centerfold which helpfully shows the movement and themes of the book of Joel.

In these studies we will be using the "Swedish method" (explanation below), which involves a bit of individual and group work.

PRAYER POINTS

We want to encourage you to be on mission to your non-Christian friends, family and contacts. Who are you on mission to? Make a list and pray for them regularly.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SWEDISH METHOD

-  Light bulb: what shines out from the passage as a key concept or the main idea?
-  Question mark: what questions do you still have? What connections can you make to other passages/ideas?
-  Cross: how does this passage help us understand Jesus better?
-  Arrow: what application does this passage have for you personally?
-  Speech Bubble: What could you share from this passage with a friend?

HOW TO USE IT...

1. Pray
2. Read the passage (out loud, all together)
3. Spend 10 minutes alone, writing at least something next to each symbol
4. Report back to the whole group. Share your "light bulb" with the whole group, taking turns. Then share your "Question mark", etc.
5. Speech Bubble: Is there someone I could share this with?
6. Pray

WEEK 1 GC STUDY: INTRODUCTION TO JOEL

Take some time together to read through the whole book of Joel.

Have a look at the Bible Project video about the book of Joel:

<https://bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-joel/>

Are there any questions that you have about the book of Joel?

What are you looking forward to discovering and learning from the book of Joel?

GC PRAYER POINTS

the DAY of the LORD

PAST EVENTS
WHEN GOD SAVED
HIS PEOPLE &
CONFRONTED EVIL

FUTURE TIME
WHEN GOD WILL
DEFEAT EVIL &
SAVE THE WORLD

ISRAEL'S SIN LED
TO DISASTER

1

A PAST DAY OF THE LORD

A RECENT LOCUST
SWARM IN ISRAEL

REMEMBER
THE PLAGUES
ON EGYPT
(SEE EXODUS 10)

ANNOUNCEMENT
OF DISASTER



TO YOU,
O LORD,
I CALL!
(1:19)

CALL TO
REPENTANCE

ACTS OF
REPENTANCE



2a

A FUTURE DAY OF THE LORD

AN IMMINENT
DISASTER FOR
JERUSALEM

"THE DAY OF THE LORD IS DREADFUL:
WHO CAN ENDURE IT?" (2:11)



2:13a

HOW:
"REND YOUR HEARTS,
NOT YOUR GARMENTS."
= GENUINE CHANGE

WHY:

"GOD IS GRACIOUS &
COMPASSIONATE, SLOW TO
ANGER, FULL OF LOVE."
= GOD'S MERCY IS MORE
POWERFUL THAN HIS WRATH

2:13b

QUOTATION OF
EXODUS 34:6



SPARE YOUR PEOPLE, O LORD!
(2:17)

JOEL

A BIBLICAL AUTHOR IMMERSED
IN EARLIER BIBLICAL
WRITINGS →



UNIQUE THINGS ABOUT JOEL:

- 1.) NOT CLEAR WHEN IT WAS WRITTEN—
LIKELY THE PERIOD OF EZRA-NEHEMIAH
- 2.) JOEL IS FAMILIAR WITH MANY
OTHER SCRIPTURAL BOOKS
- 3.) JOEL DOESN'T ACCUSE ISRAEL
OF ANY SIN; HE ASSUMES YOU'VE
READ THE OTHER PROPHETS

OUT GOD'S MERCY
CREATES HOPE

THE PAST BECOMES AN
IMAGE OF THE FUTURE

2b GOD'S RESPONSE

2:18

"SO GOD WAS FILLED WITH PASSION FOR HIS LAND AND HAD PITY ON HIS PEOPLE."

20-21
DEFEAT OF
THE INVADERS



2c-3 THE FUTURE DAY OF THE LORD

3:1-16
GOD WILL CONFRONT
EVIL AMONG ALL NATIONS

God

SEE:
ISAIAH 13
ZEPHANIAH 3
EZEKIEL 38-39

22-26
RESTORATION OF THE
DEVASTATED LAND



3:17-21
RENEWAL OF
ALL CREATION

A NEW EDEN

SEE:
ISAIAH 35
EZEKIEL 47
ZECHARIAH 14

27
DIVINE PRESENCE
AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE



2:28-32
GOD'S SPIRIT WILL
FILL ALL HIS PEOPLE



SEE:
ISAIAH
32:15 & 44:3
JEREMIAH
31:31-34
EZEKIEL
36:23-28

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WEEK 2 GC STUDY: JOEL 1

READ JOEL 1



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GC PRAYER POINTS

WEEK 3 GC STUDY: JOEL 2:1-17

READ JOEL 2:1-17



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GC PRAYER POINTS

WEEK 4 GC STUDY: JOEL 2:18-32

READ JOEL 2:18-32



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GC PRAYER POINTS

WEEK 5 GC STUDY: JOEL 3

READ JOEL 3



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GC PRAYER POINTS

SUMMERLEAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION PARTNERS

FELLOWSHIP OF OVERSEAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (FOCUS) & SUBBIES

FOCUS is a Christian international student society that seeks to share the good news of Jesus with International students at the University of Hobart.



How Summerleas can help:

- Go along to Friday Night FOCUS/Subbies and/or cook for them.
What: FREE food, fun, friendship and Bible teaching
When:
 - FOCUS: Fridays 6.00-8.30pm (if your GC is bringing food please bring it at 5:30pm)
 - Subbies: Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pmWhere: Wellspring Anglican Church
- Pray Points:
 - Praise God for this wonderful opportunity to reach the nations.
 - Pray that we will be keen to support this strategic ministry and that it would grow us in our passion for God's great mission!
 - Pray for the leadership teams that they will speak the truth in love.
 - Pray that God will be working in the hearts of those who come along to hear and understand that Jesus is their Lord and Saviour

THE DURDIN FAMILY



Marc and Joey Durdin are another one of our mission partners at Summerleas Church. Marc is the developer of Keyman software which helps translate writing into native languages. Joey is a midwife who provides support and education to women in many ways. They are currently serving in Cambodia.

Prayer Points:

- That they would be a light pointing to Jesus to the people around them in Cambodia. That they will be bold to proclaim Christ and show his love to the people in their lives.
- Pray for Christians in Cambodia experiencing pressure from family and friends. Pray that God will give them much strength and peace.
- Pray that Hannah and Peter will settle into life and school, especially for Hannah as she finishes off year 12 in Tasmania.