**Jonah, Joel & Amos** (Lesson 4)

*(The Locust Invasion) Joel 1*

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READ: Joel 1

1. Describe the devastation left by the locust plague.
2. How will the plague affect the drunkards (v.5), the priests (vv.9-13) and the farmers (v.11)?
3. How would you respond to the plague if you were a member of one of these groups?
4. In verse 2, Joel asks, “Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your forefathers”? Why do you think he asks the elders this question?
5. Joel commands the elders to tell their children and grandchildren about the dramatic locust invasion (v.3). Why is this necessary?
6. What additional commands does Joel’s word from the Lord make to the people of Judah (vv.5,8,11,13-14)?
7. What significance, if any, is there to the progression in these commands?
8. Joel compares the people of Judah to a virgin mourning for her husband (v.8). What does this metaphor say to you about the depth of relationship between God and his people?
9. How does God discipline his people today, either individually or corporately?
10. In verses 13-14 Joel calls the people to repent. How are they to demonstrate their repentance?

1. In what meaningful ways can we express our repentance today, both individually and corporately?

*Ask God to show you where your inner life is in crisis and how you need to repent*.

***Now or Later***

Repentance requires action. Describe an act of repentance from your past and the outcome. Write a prayer of thanksgiving for God’s loving discipline in your life.

***NEXT LESSON***:

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***Return to the Lord –* READ: Joel 2:1-27**