

Awakened: From Ruins to Revival

15 & 16 Aug – When Judgement Comes (Joel 1)

22 & 23 Aug – Return To The Lord (Joel 2)

12 & 13 Sept – The Day Of The Lord (Joel 3)

- *Joel 1:1 The word of the Lord that came to Joel son of Pethuel.*
- *Yo-el*
 - *Yo – Shortened form of _____*
 - *El – Hebrew word for _____*
- *Pethuel* which likely mean ‘persuaded by God’
- *Joel 1:2-3*
*2 Hear this, you elders; listen, **all who live in the land**.*
Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your ancestors?
*3 Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children **to the next generation**.*
- *Joel 1:4*
*What the **locust swarm** has left the **great locusts** have eaten; what the **great locusts** have left the **young locusts** have eaten; what the **young locusts** have left **other locusts** have eaten.*
- **Total _____.**

1. Wake up to what _____ destroys (v5-12)

- Joel wants us to see and know what has been lost. Look at the ruins!
- Verses 5-12 repeatedly uses language of loss:
 - vines destroyed
 - fig trees stripped
 - grain destroyed
 - harvest lost
 - joy withered
 - animals suffer
 - worship is affected
- Devastation spreads and touched everything.
- *V12b Surely the people's joy is withered away.*
- Joel shows us the devastation but Scripture shows us the deeper reality, **sin** always takes more than it promises to give.
- Joel reminds us that disobedience doesn't only affect individuals.
- What happens spiritually within God's people eventually affects our _____, our _____ and our _____ together.
- A _____ church can still be a spiritually _____ church.

2. Wake up from the danger of _____ (v5, 13-14)

- *Joel 1:5a*

Wake up, you drunkards, and weep!

- The big issue was that the people were numb to it.
- We can become so accustomed to God's goodness that we stop noticing when something is wrong.
- Our churches today, including us can be comfortable with:
 - A _____ life that has become shallow.
 - A busy life with little time for _____.
 - A _____ that no longer bothers us.
 - A relationship that remains _____.
 - A church life focused on consuming rather than _____.
 - A faith that is _____ rather than costly.
 - People around us who still don't know the _____.
- Comfort can become our spiritual _____.

- *Joel 1:14*

*Declare a holy fast; call a sacred assembly. Summon the elders and all who live in the land to the house of the Lord your God, and **cry out to the Lord.***

3. Wake up and cry out to _____ (v14-20)

- *v19: To you, LORD, I call...*
- _____ can become the doorway to _____ on God.
- *V20: Even the wild animals pant for you;...*
- There is a difference between a church that is _____ for God and a church that is _____ for God.
- *Romans 8:1*
Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
- To you, LORD, I call