

## WORSHIP

Suggested worship songs: Alive, All Because of Jesus, The God Who Forgives, Nothing But The Blood, Minamahal Ka, Holy Forever

## WELCOME

Have you ever been so busy or distracted that you overlooked something important, until something happened that made you stop and pay attention? What happened?

## READ IT!

## WORD

**Joel 1:1-5 (Read also Joel 2:11-14, Joel 2:25-32)**

<sup>1</sup> The word of the Lord that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel:

<sup>2</sup> Hear this, O elders,

And listen, all inhabitants of the land.

Has *anything like* this happened in your days

Or in your fathers' days?

<sup>3</sup> Tell your sons about it,

And *let* your sons *tell* their sons,

And their sons the next generation.

<sup>4</sup> What the gnawing locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten;

And what the swarming locust has left, the creeping locust has eaten;

And what the creeping locust has left, the stripping locust has eaten.

<sup>5</sup> Awake, drunkards, and weep;

And wail, all you wine drinkers,

On account of the sweet wine

That is cut off from your mouth.

## PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words

## TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about sharing like Jesus?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

## POINT IT OUT

**INTRO** (Jeremiah 17:9, Joel 1:1-5)

**RECOGNIZE GOD'S WAKE-UP CALL** (Joel 1:7, 12, 18, Joel 2:11)

**REREPENT AND BE RESTORED** (Joel 2:12-14, 25-26, Romans 2:4, Joel 2:27-32)

**REMEMBER GOD IS THE ULTIMATE VICTOR** (Joel 3:2, 14-16, 21, Romans 10:9-13)

## **APPLY IT!**

### **WORKS**

Based on this lesson on "*RETURN TO THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART*", write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

### **PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION**

Pray that God will reveal any area of your life where you have been drifting away from Him. Ask for a humble heart to repent, turn back to Him, and trust in His faithfulness. Care by reaching out to someone who is struggling or feeling far from God. Listen without judgment, offer encouragement, and help them take a step toward the Lord. Share how God's grace gives us hope and invites us to return to Him. Look for an opportunity to share the gospel with someone who needs to know Jesus and experience His forgiveness.

### **WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS**

#### **I. Thanksgiving**

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

#### **II. Country and the World**

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- For legislators to promote and support bills and laws aligned with God's Word.
- For the Philippines as it hosts the 49th ASEAN Summit on November 16–18: pray for wisdom for the Philippines and ASEAN leaders, peaceful and fruitful discussions, regional cooperation, and safety for all delegates, residents, and security personnel.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented.
- For the rest of the Israeli hostages to be restored to their families safely. For Israel's war with terrorists to end according to God's purpose and for His glory.
- For the civil war in Syria to end peacefully, protection for Christians and other minorities, and freedom from oppression for Syrians. Pray for the gospel to spread rapidly throughout the country.
- Pray for Sudan and persecuted Christians there; earnestly seek God's intervention to stop the bloodshed. Pray for freedom from

oppression, that God's word and His people bring them comfort and hope.

- Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ affected by the disaster in Nepal, especially those who remain missing. Pray that they will be found safely, and that God will strengthen and comfort their families. May the Lord provide for their needs and give them hope and courage as they face the days ahead.

#### **III. Church**

- That CCF Members would honor and love God, and make disciples
- For elders, pastors, DLeaders, and families to become holy, humble, harmonious, happy, and heart-working)
- For ministries and church expansions worldwide.

#### **IV. CCF Facilities**

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain (MMRC)

#### **V. Personal Concerns**

- Deeper and intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends

### **MEMORY VERSE**

#### **Joel 2:12-13**

**12** "Yet even now," declares the Lord,  
"Return to Me with all your heart,  
And with fasting, weeping and mourning;  
**13** And rend your heart and not your garments."  
Now return to the Lord your God,  
For He is gracious and compassionate,  
Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness  
And relenting of evil.