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Worship Service  
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## JOEL: Turn to the Lord

Lesson One • Joel 1:1-20

### A Wake-Up Call

#### Where Do You Turn When Disaster Strikes?

The book of Joel reveals that when DISASTER is here, the LORD is near. It's a message of God's terrible judgment and His equally incredible grace.

#### An Ancient Prophet with a Relevant Message

Joel was a messenger of God who SPOKE on behalf of God.

*The word of the LORD that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel. Joel 1:1*

#### A Wake-Up Call

### 1. When Disaster Strikes, PAY ATTENTION to the Lord! vs. 2

#### Discerning the Disaster

The disaster is a WAKE-UP call from God to warn present and future generations to turn to the Lord (vs. 2-3).

#### Describing the Disaster

A great LOCUST plague has invaded the land of Judah causing catastrophic destruction across the nation (vs. 4).

#### Devastating Effects of the Locust Plague

- Life's NECESSITIES were stripped away (vs. 7, 10-12, 17-18).
- Kingdom HOPES were shriveled up (vs. 6, 7, 12).

- Temple OFFERINGS were cut off (vs. 9, 13).
- People's GLADNESS was dried up (vs. 12, 16).

### 2. When Disaster Strikes, CRY OUT to the Lord! vs. 14

#### Locust Lessons for Today

- Turn to the Lord in MOURNING: "Put on sackcloth and lament" (vs. 8, 13).
- Wake up to God's coming JUDGMENT: "For the Day of the Lord is near" (vs. 5, 15).
- Recognize your inability to survive without GOD: "To You, O Lord, I call" (vs. 19-20).

#### Where Do You Turn When Disaster Strikes?

Like the prophet Joel, turn to the LORD, for He is near when disaster is here.