

## **August 18, 2013 Sermon Application Handout**

**“Back to the Future”**

**Joel 2:28-32**

1. Before you begin, take time to pray and praise God for making you alive together with Him, having forgiven all your trespasses (Col. 2:13).
  
2. Review your lesson for Joel 2:18-27. What was one specific teaching that you understood from this section and applied to your life?
  
3. As an introduction to the last section in Joel, Chapter 2, begin by reading about the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:1-41. What happened that day? Who stood up and gave the first sermon as a Christian? Who did this preacher quote in vv. 17-21? Who was this sermon directed toward? How did Peter direct them to respond for those that felt conviction? How did they respond? How many were added to the church that day?
  
4. With Acts 2:1-41 in view; now read Joel 2:28-32. What are some differences you noticed in how Peter quoted Joel in Acts 2:17-21 and what Joel said in Joel 2:28-32?
  
5. Take a moment to review Joel 1-2. What is the context of Joel 2:28-32? What is Joel talking about? What day does Joel have in mind? (Remember the Jewish people had no concept of a church; they only looked forward to one thing). What kind of day were they expecting? What will happen on that day?
  
6. According to Joel 2:28, who is being spoken of? What will the Lord pour out? What will be the result of this event? (Cf. Ezekiel 39:29).

7. According to Joel 2:29-31, what signs will accompany this particular event?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Now go back to Acts 2:18-21. How much of Joel's prophesy from 900 years before had already been fulfilled? What is left to be fulfilled? When will this take place?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. According to Joel 2:32, what is promised to every person who "calls upon the name of the Lord?" What kind of relationship does this person end up having with the Lord (Cf. Obadiah 1:17; John 10:27-28)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Based on verse 32, would you say man chooses God or God draws man near and then it's man's responsibility to believe? Who bears the responsibility (Acts 2:20-21,39; Romans 10:9; Jn 10:1-9,16)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Is the message preached during Joel's time and during Pentecost still relevant for us today? Do you believe that Jesus is coming soon? How should you respond in light of this truth?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. Read 1 Corinthians 2:12-13,12:7,13, Galatians 4:6, 5:16; Ephesians 1:13, 3:16, 5:18 and Titus 3:5. How does the Holy Spirit work in the life of the believer?

13. Read contemplatively 1 Corinthians 6:11; Ephesians 2:11, Colossians 2:13 and 3:11 then list out ways you can guard against taking your salvation for granted.
  
14. What principles can you glean from Joel 2:18-27? Is there one thing from the reading you can thank God for? Are there any sins listed in this chapter to avoid? What was the specific teaching that you understood from this chapter? How will you apply what you have learned from this chapter in your life today? What is one thing you can ask God to help you with?

## **RESOURCES**

### **Specific Resource for Joel:**

*Joel and Obadiah* by Irvin Busenitz  
*Joel, Amos, Obadiah* by Thomas Finley  
*Joel and the Day of Lord* by Walter Price

### **General Resources for the Minor Prophets:**

*The Minor Prophets* by James Montgomery Boice  
*The Minor Prophets* by Charles Feinberg  
*The Prophets of Israel* by Leon Wood  
*Major Points from the Minor Prophets* by John Blanchard  
*A Survey of Old Testament Introduction* by Gleason Archer  
*Interpreting the Minor Prophets* by Robert Chisholm Jr