



### **Life Group Questions (Joel 1)**

1. Read Joel 1 together. What stands out to you from this passage? What questions come to mind? Have you spent time in the book of Joel before?
2. The book of Joel is a very disputed book of the Bible. Does it bother you that we know so little about Joel? Or when it was written?
3. The main theme of chapter 1 is a locust plague that had descended upon Judah. Read about another plague of locusts in Exodus 10:12-15. Who was this plague against?
4. Now Israel is the target of a plague of locusts. What must have been going through the Israelites mind as they suffered through this? Read Deuteronomy 28:38-45 to see how God had warned his people.
5. Do you struggle with how God can be good and loving and yet allow evil and suffering to happen? How have you heard it explained before? Did Pastor Andrew's explanation on Sunday make sense? Is it hard to hold God's sovereignty and evil and suffering in tension?
6. Do you think most Christians live with a healthy balance of fear of God and trust in him? Why or why not?

*Spend some time praying together. Ask for more understanding into the gospel and the word of God. Pray that in times of suffering and tragedy that you would trust in God.*