

## Dig Deeper into Joel 1 and 2:1-17 for personal use and Life Groups...

**1) The day of the locust... (v1-14)**


Elders & Inhabitants (v2-4)	HEAR, LISTEN, TELL!
No wine (drunkards) (v5-7)	WAKE UP, WEEP!
<b>NB Deut 28!</b> Priests & Ministers (v8-10)	MOURN!
Farmers (v11-12)	DESPAIR, WAIL, GRIEVE!
Priests & Ministers (v12-13)	MOURN, WAIL!
No food (holy fast) (v14a)	DECLARE A HOLY FAST!
Elders & Inhabitants (v14b)	SUMMON, CRY OUT!

**...take stock: see the devastation!**

**2) The day of the LORD... (v15-20)**

The day of the locust points to the day of the LORD (v15)  
More devastation (v16-18) To you I CRY OUT (v19-20)

**...take action: cry out to the LORD!**

### Joel study #1 Joel 1:1-20

1. Can you retrace your way through 1:2-14 to see the different people addressed, and the different verbs by which they are called to “take stock”? Which of the sections/commands most resonates with you?
2. The sermon encouraged us to “take stock” of where we are at in...
  - a. Our nation.
  - b. Our church (you might want to consider whether Revelation 2:1-7 is relevant)
  - c. Our own lives.

What needs to be observed, noted, mourned, grieved over? Why do we find this hard to do?

### Joel study #2 Joel 2:1-17

3. What do the following passages teach you about the “day of the Lord” and how to respond?
  - a. Isaiah 13:6-13 (an oracle against an enemy state)
  - b. 1 Thess 5:1-11 (written to Christians)
  - c. 2 Peter 3:10-15 (written to Christians).

So how does the “day of the Locust” point to “the day of the Lord” (1:15, 2:1, 2:11)?

4. As well as analysis, in chapters 1 and 2 Joel calls the people to action. Where do you see this? What action should you take?
5. What might we say in a prayer as we cry out the Lord 1v14, v19 and 2v12-17. How do we make sure we are “rending our hearts and not just our garments” (2v13)?

### Locust video clips...

- On BBC Iplayer, look for Planet Earth 2 and search for “Madagascar Locust Plague”,
  - also found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6bx5JUGVahk>
  - and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYPGOoijy8g>
- See also CNN report at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vc-63FN9Bbw>