

4. God calls the Israelites to repent. Why is repentance so important in the Christian life (not just as a means of coming to Christ)?

5. Read Joel 2:12-13. In chapter 2, Joel speaks of a coming disaster—an army that will destroy like a swarm of locusts. But there's still hope—the hope of repenting. Why is repentance so important in the ongoing life of a Christian?

6. Reflect on a time when you were experiencing hard stuff (it might even be now) and how holding on tightly to God offered hope and strength? (If you have trouble holding to God when experiencing hard stuff, why is that?)

7. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply?

SERIES: Kings & Prophets

SERMON 9: "God Pursues Judah"

TEXT: Joel 1:13-15; 2:12,13

DATE: November 4/5, 2017

"How might God use the pain, hardship, suffering, and even big disappoints in my life?"

God won't _____ a disaster.

Disasters are God's _____.

God will use the hard stuff to _____ from our attachment to things that are destructive and set us free to live fully for God.

Don't Waste the Hard Stuff

1. Submit to a _____.
Joel 1:13-15; Psalm 139:23-34; 2 Corinthians 13:5

Ask God to conduct a _____ of your heart.

"The day of the Lord" -

2. Turn _____ to God.
Joel 2:12-13a

To repent is to _____, not to stop. (Gospel Project)

When you don't just stop but turn, you are choosing something _____ than the action you were doing.

