

Questions for Further Reflection – Joel:

1. How have you experienced the fulfillment of God's promises in your life?
2. What makes it difficult to look in the mirror and confess our own shortcomings as opposed to looking out the window and spotting the shortcomings of others? Read what Jesus has to say about this in Matthew 7:1-5. Where do you see the church today focusing on the splinters in the eyes of others rather than the logs in their own eyes? What do you think are the top three things the church needs to repent of?
3. Pastor Tim said that God's love can sometimes only be expressed as judgement or discipline. What did he mean by that? How can God's judgment be something other than punishment? Do you think the judgment of God is reversible? What do you think Joel has to say about that? Read Hebrews 12:3-11. How does the writer of Hebrews try to reassure followers of Jesus during a difficult time. Name a time in your life where discipline made you a better person, even though it wasn't pleasant when you were going through it.
4. How is the Holy Spirit helpful in helping us understand God's judgments? How can Jesus help us better understand the judgment of God?