

WISDOM IN THE WASTELAND

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your major takeaway from the message this morning?
2. Joel says God will call nations who have wronged the people of Israel to account for their behavior. What injustices have gone unanswered in your life you believe God will resolve in the future? What about in our country? Or in human history?
3. Joel says even though the people have been hurt, God will be a refuge for them. In what area of your life do you need God to be your refuge and stronghold?
4. Joel 3 says Egypt will be left desolate. Isaiah 19 says that God calls Egypt His people. How do we reconcile this tension? Is it possible that God destroys empires and systems of evil, but still restores people who confess and turn from wrongdoing?
5. Joel 3 says a fountain will flow from God's temple. This image is similar to what Ezekiel and John describe in their vision of a new Jerusalem. What about living water speaks to restoration and resurrection?
6. Water is a consistent metaphor for new life in the prophets, the gospels and in Acts. This is why baptism is powerful and significant act of worship and surrender. Have you been baptized as an expression of faith? If not, is there any reason why you wouldn't get baptized today at our Summer Baptism at Holland State Park?

BOTTOM LINE

The day of the Lord promises retribution, restoration and resurrection.

KEY VERSES

Joel 3
Revelation 14:19
Isaiah 2:2-4
Micah 4:1-4
Isaiah 19:22-25
Ezekiel 47:1-8
Revelation 22:1-5