

# Community Group Discussion Questions

## “The Way Forward Through Reflection” Joel 1 & 2

January 10, 2021

**Gathering Together:** Is thoughtful reflection a regular part of your life? What challenges make it difficult for you to reflect? What helps?

### **Growing and Getting Real Together:**

In your experience, what factors have led to your love for someone to “go flat”? What helps re-ignite your love for someone?

In your experience as a Christian, what factors have led to your love for Jesus to “go flat”? What has helped re-ignite your love for Jesus?

In Joel 1 & 2 it is clear that the people had lost their way with God and needed to stop and reflect. .It’s amazing how much God had to do to get their attention. Has God ever had to do something “bold” to get your attention? Why do you think people so rarely stop and take time to reflect? What is the impact of failing to reflect?

Share with each other about a time when you did reflect back on your life. What caused you to do so? What was the experience like? Was it difficult? If so, how? Did you find it to be helpful?

In Joel 1:13-14, God calls the people to have a Sacred Assembly. What are your initial thoughts about this? Are

you hesitant to participate? If so, why? What would help you prepare to participate?

When the people of God let their love “go flat” God called them to gather together. Often, when we have spiritual “dry” times the tendency is to try and work though it as an individual, not as a group. Do you lean toward a more individual kind of faith experience or a group experience? Why? Are you ok with that or do you think you need to make some adjustments?

God calls the people to return to him with all their heart. What is involved in giving God all of our heart?

God is described as gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in love. Is this how you view God? What has most influenced your view of God? Do you wish your view of God was different?

Pastor Geoff encouraged us to reflect thoughtfully, repent humbly, and receive gratefully. Which of these is most difficult for you to do? What is one thing you can do in each area to grow in these three practices?

### **Group Prayer Time**

Pray for God to help each group member to reflect, repent, and receive. Pray also that each group member, and their loved ones, may each give more of their heart to God.