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Series Title: SUMMER IN THE MINOR PROPHETS: JOEL
Key Scripture: The book of Joel
Recorded Sermon: www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mC8vaTqRJs
Date + Speaker: July 6, 2025 | Pastor Mark Scarr

The Big Idea:

God desires that we live for Him wholeheartedly. Even when we've strayed far, His mercy and Spirit are still available to all who call on Him.

Starter:

Think of a time when you made a big mistake and then got a second chance? How did that second chance affect you?

Discussion:

1. Read **Joel 1:12**, and discuss how deep the impact of the plague was on the people and the land.
2. In **Joel 1:14** and **Joel 2:15-17**, what were the people instructed to do and who was expected to participate?
3. Read **Joel 2:1**. What kind of language is used to describe the coming of the Day of the Lord?
4. In **Joel 2:12-13**, What did God want from the people?
5. Read at **Joel 2:32a**. What hope is offered to people and what actions need to be taken?

Diving Deeper:

1. The Day of the Lord is described as "great" and "dreadful" (**Joel 2:11**). What does this tell us about God's justice and holiness?
2. "Return to Me with all your heart" (**Joel 2:12**). What does wholehearted repentance look like in our lives today?
3. "Rend your heart and not your garments" - how is this relevant in our world today?
4. According to the sermon, the Spirit's outpouring is for *everyone*. How does this truth challenge or encourage you in your faith and daily life?
5. Joel's promise includes sons, daughters, old and young, servants—every group. What does this tell us about God's vision for who He uses?
6. How does the Holy Spirit help us be witnesses, especially in difficult or dark times?
7. Pastor Mark ended the sermon with these 2 contrasting points -- **"the worst is yet to come"** and **"the best is yet to come**." How can we hold both realities as we live out our faith?

Personal Reflection:

Think of the areas in your life where God is inviting you to return to Him more wholeheartedly, and how will you respond to His call today?

Prayer

Lord, thank You for Your mercy and Grace. Help us to continually focus on Your love for us with all our hearts and to live fully for You. Fill us with Your Spirit so we can reflect Your love and truth, even in difficult times. In Jesus' name, Amen.