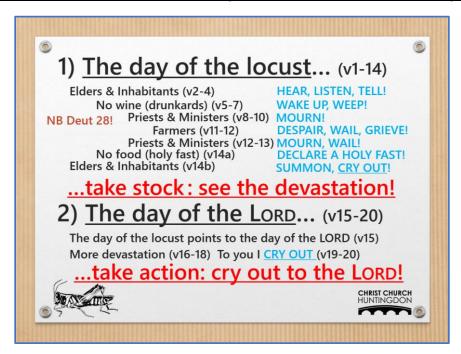
Dig Deeper into Joel 1 and 2:1-17 for personal use and Life Groups...



Joel study #1 Joel 1:1-20

- 1. Can you retrace your way through 1:2-14 to see the different people addressed, and the different verbs by which they are called to "take stock"? Which of the sections/commands most resonates with you?
- 2. The sermon encouraged us to "take stock" of where we are at in...
 - a. Our nation.
 - **b.** Our church (you might want to consider whether Revelation 2:1-7 is relevant)
 - c. Our own lives.

What needs to be observed, noted, mourned, grieved over? Why do we find this hard to do?

Joel study #2 Joel 2:1-17

- 3. What do the following passages teach you about the "day of the Lord" and how to respond?
 - a. Isaiah 13:6-13 (an oracle against an enemy state)
 - **b. 1 Thess 5:1-11** (written to Christians)
 - c. 2 Peter 3:10-15 (written to Christians).

So how does the "day of the Locust" point to "the day of the Lord" (1:15, 2:1, 2:11)?

- 4. As well as analysis, in chapters 1 and 2 Joel calls the people to action. Where do you see this? What action should you take?
- 5. What might we say in a prayer as we cry out the Lord 1v14, v19 and 2v12-17. How do we make sure we are "rending our hearts and not just our garments" (2v13)?

Locust video clips...

- On BBC Iplayer, look for Planet Earth 2 and search for "Madagascar Locust Plague",
 - o **also found at** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6bx5JUGVahk
 - o and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYPGOoijy8g
- See also CNN report at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vc-63FN9Bbw

