

## “For the day of the Lord is at hand”

### *Joel 1*

1. In all of the books of the prophets that we've read up until this point, the historical context has been clear. This isn't the case with the book of Joel. **Based on what we've read so far in chapter one, what do you think is the significance of Lord not giving us any historical context for this particular message?**
2. Rather than simply referring to the locust, v4 speaks first of the chewing locust, then the swarming locust, then the crawling locust, then the consuming locust. **Why is this?**
3. **Within the context of v5, what does it mean to be a drunkard?**
4. In v8-14 the Lord calls on three categories of people to lament, mourn, and be ashamed: the virgin bride girded in sackcloth, the priests who minister to the Lord, and the farmer. **What is significant about these three?**
5. **Who sent these locusts? Why does this matter?**
6. **What vision of the day of the Lord do we get in chapter one?**
7. **What is the significance of v19?**