



## Life Group Curriculum

*All of the material in this guide is provided for fostering healthy discussion in your group. Discuss the questions out loud and hold each other accountable to Scripture memorization each week.*

**Week of February 16, 2020**



### *Judging the Nations*

Joel 3:1-16

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Scripture Memorization: *The Lord roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake. **But the Lord is a refuge to his people, a stronghold to the people of Israel.** – Joel 3:16 (ESV)*

\* For younger kids, try memorizing the bold part of the verse

#### Discussion Questions:

*{There are added further thoughts on each question that might help you as a Life Group leader in understanding the question or creating discussion.}*

- 1. Random Question: If you could have any animal as a pet, what would it be?**

*{This is just an icebreaker to help people feel comfortable talking.}*

- 2. Read verses 1-3. What stands out?**

*{Let the group lead the conversation. Give direction and have something that stands out to you ready to share. It's ok to leave some silent space if people are slow to answer. Many times, people wait for the silence to give their input.}*

**Read 2 Chronicles 20:20-25. What connections can you make?**

*{Jehoshaphat is the king during this time. Look at what happens in this battle. The enemies of God's people destroy themselves.}*

- 3. Read verses 4-8. What stands out?**

*{Something interesting is how destructive these wonders feel.}*

**How would you describe God in these verses?**

*{How do these verses prove God's goodness, faithfulness, justice, grace, etc. (his nature)?}*

4. **Read verses 9-15. What stands out?**  
*{Possibly the idea that people call on God and at the same time God calls people.}*

**Read Isaiah 2:4. Then read Micah 4:3. Why are they different than Joel 3:10?**

**What is the significance of God judging the nations in the “valley of decision”?**

*{It speaks to our ability to decide to surrender or rebel against His lordship.}*

5. **Read verse 16. What stands out?**

**What is the message of verse 16?**

*{While the whole world will feel God’s wrath, His people will feel safe because they are His.}*

**What does it practically mean for God to be our refuge and our stronghold?**

*{Help people to make this concept real in their life. What is a refuge or a stronghold literally? How does God give us those benefits in our day-to-day life?}*

6. **Did you have a Gospel conversation with someone in the last seven days? Will you commit to doing so (again) in the next seven days?**  
*{Don’t skip this. By asking, we want to continue creating that expectation and accountability.}*

7. **What’s going on in your life right now? How can we pray for you?**  
*{Save time to go around the room. This is important.}*

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**\*\*Check out the second FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE for the book of JOEL [here](#) or pick up a copy at church on Sunday.**

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