

Midweek Study Lesson Questions 04/22/2026

Sunday April 19, 2026

GOD WILL RESTORE, Joel 2:25

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I. Getting to Know “Yourself”

Reflection: Identify an area of your life where you’ve felt “crushed” (e.g., relationships, purpose, health). How might that season prepared you to release “oil” (anointing, healing, or blessing) for yourself or others?

Explain the following points from Sunday’s sermon.

1. Repentance must be sincere. –

2. Hard seasons function as a refining press: -

3. The overall summons is both pastoral and prophetic:

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Observation Question

1. The sermon describes “Kainos” as a Greek term for qualitative newness. How does 2 Corinthians 5:17 (“a new creation”) reflect this idea of being remade into something better, not just repaired?
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Interpretation Question

Joel 2:13 calls for returning to God with **hearts**, not just outward actions (“garments”). Why is internal repentance more transformative than external rituals? How does this tie to the sermon’s warning against “comfort in exile”?

Application Question

Job’s restoration came **after** he prayed for his critics. Is there someone who has misunderstood or judged you that you need to pray for? How might this act of obedience open the door to healing?

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Joel 2:25 "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. NKJV

Joel 2:13 So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He *is* gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. NKJV

Joel 2:1 Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at hand:² A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning *clouds* spread over the mountains. A people *come*, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there ever be any *such* after them, Even for many successive generations. NKJV

Job 42:10 And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. NKJV

Key Takeaways: 1. Restores the years of loss. God intends to recover what felt irretrievably taken—time, opportunity, reputation—and to return it with increase. Restoration here is not a cosmetic repair but a reclamation that reorders history toward God's purposes. Expect recovered fruitfulness and renewed testimony when the heart turns back in humility and repentance.

- 2. Steadfast minds receive peace. Peace originates in a mind fixed on God, not on circumstances; steadfast trust produces a stability that outlasts storms. Trust means to give cares to God and not retrieve them; such surrender aligns thought life with God's promises and opens the way for perfect peace. Persistent mental reorientation is a spiritual discipline that yields lasting calm.
- 3. Kainos: new, higher self. Kainos signals a qualitative newness—God reshapes the same material into a superior form with fresh capacities and callings. This is not nostalgia for former days but an invitation into upgraded destiny and usefulness. Embrace the remaking process and expect God to craft excellence from present rawness.
- 4. Crushing produces anointing oil. The pressure that breaks will also extract the oil that heals, empowers, and frees—spiritual fruit often flows only after grinding. Trials can be vocational, not punitive: they create channels for blessings to move. Receive the process as part of being prepared for expanded ministry and deeper intimacy.