

WEEK 3 | THE AGE OF THE SPIRIT
JOEL 3:28-32



During our series in Joel, we're asking questions about the nature of suffering and what God wants to do with us in the midst of it.

- 1.) Complete this sentence: "We live in the Age of _____." In other words, what are some distinctive features of the time in which we live?
- 2.) Read Joel 2:28-32. What does Joel prophesy will come to pass "afterward"?
- 3.) Read Acts 2:1-41. Why does Peter quote from Joel in this passage? What does this mean about the time in which we live (the time between Christ's first and second coming)?
- 4.) Why might people in Joel's day be surprised to hear that God's Spirit would be poured out on "all flesh"? (Joel 2:28-29)
- 5.) If you believed we lived in a time of war (v.30-31), what would change about your life?
- 6.) Compare Joel 2:32 with Acts 2:37-38 and Acts 4:12. What do you learn about salvation?
- 7.) Who is God calling you to reach out to with the offer of the Gospel? Write down the names of 3-5 people that you can pray for regularly and invest in their lives.

Spiritual Exercise: *Each week we're trying to give one option for "working out your faith" in a practical way.*

Use the occasion of thanksgiving to thank God and other people for the blessings in your life. Take 20 minutes and write out a prayer of thanksgiving for all the blessings you have received in the past year. Who are the people God has brought into your life? What prayers have been answered? Where have you experienced grace? What blessings have you received at home, at work, in relationships?

Ask God to help you cultivate a posture of thanksgiving in your life.