Discussion Questions for Joel / Micah / Zephaniah
EFree Church, Diamond Bar
October 12, 2014

Outline from Sunday's Sermon:

1. A Heart of Repentance (Joel 2:12-13)
2. A Heart of Justice (Micah 6:8, Zephaniah 2:3)
3. A Heart of Mercy (Joel 2:12-13, Micah 6:8)
4. A Heart of Humility (Micah 6:8, Zephaniah 2:3)

Discussion Questions:

1. In our society, we're faced with many requirements on a daily basis, at home, at work, and at school. To get your discussion started, please share one requirement or expectation in your life that you find easy to fulfill. Share one that is difficult for you to fulfill.

2. Read Joel 2:12-13. According to Sunday's sermon, the first requirement to walk with God is to have a heart of repentance. To repent is to "come to our senses" (to change our way of thinking) and return to God. As the result of Christ's work on the cross, we have been freed from the bondage of sin. Share some practical steps we that we can take through the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome patterns of sin in our lives.

3. Read Micah 6:8 and Zephaniah 2:3. According to Sunday's sermon, the second requirement to walk with God is to have a heart of justice. Share an example of how people can be treated unjustly. Why is it sometimes difficult for us to do what is right?

4. Micah 6:8 calls us to love mercy. The Hebrew word for mercy is "hesed," which refers to God's loyal love. This is God's faithful, compassionate, and unending love. According to Sunday's sermon, the third requirement to walk with God is to have a heart of mercy (i.e. extending God's love to others). In what ways would you like to extend God's mercy to others in the body of Christ more clearly?

5. Read Proverbs 16:18. According to Sunday's sermon, the fourth requirement to walk with God is to have a heart of humility. Pride is a common sin for many Christians. Is there an area of pride that is currently hindering your relationship with God and/or your fellowship with others in the body of Christ? If so, please share your struggle with your life group and ask them to pray for you.