

# STARTS WITH HOPE

## Joel 1:1-20

Honoring God in a World that doesn't, ends and starts with our God of Hope.

- **Assent:** Remember and acknowledge the Word of the LORD.
- **Lament:** Express remorse over the cause, not just the consequences.
- **Repent:** Turn away from sin and embrace our God of Hope.

When we assent, lament, and repent over our sins, God will restore... even now.

## further up, further in

1. How do you see the importance of "hearing" and "remembering" the Word of the Lord in your life? *See Psalm 119:9-16.*
2. What does it mean to be sorrowful over the "cause" rather than the "consequence" of sin? *See Psalm 51:4; James 4:8-10.* How do you maintain a proper understanding of which is which?
3. Why is repentance an ongoing process, and not just a one-time act?
4. What is God's promise to us when we genuinely repent? *See Joel 2:12-13; 1 John 1:8-9; 2 Chronicles 7:14; 2 Cor 5:17-21.*
5. What is the church's role in this process of assenting, lamenting, and repenting?
6. As you consider and interact with the world around you, what does it mean, to "Start with Hope"?

