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Where else in Scripture do we read about locusts?  
For what purpose does God typically use locusts? What do they represent?

Who bears the brunt of the invasion of locusts in ch.1?  
List each individual mentioned that mourns or suffers.  
What does this tell us about disobedience and its effects?

Compare Joel 2:12-13 with Matthew 23:25-28 and Psalm 51:16-17.  
What can we learn about what God wants from us in our repentance?  
Why does this distinction matter?

How does 2:18-32 redeem what happens in 1:4-20? List all the things that suffered or were destroyed, and then later were blessed.

What causes the shift we see in what God is doing from the beginning of Joel through 2:17 to the change in tone we see from 2:18-32?

What might v. 28-32 be referencing? How does this differ from what the people were used to throughout the Old Testament?

In 3:12, we see the nations being gathered into the Valley of Jehoshaphat.  
Look up the meaning of Jehoshaphat, and determine what scene is being set here.

What deeper meaning can be read in 3:13-16? What do these images bring to mind?

What can we learn about God from these 3 brief chapters in Joel?

#### **Prayer:**

Father, you are good and you are just. Thank you that on your day of judgment, you chose your Son to bear the consequences of those who call on His name. We are so grateful, and praise you for that sacrifice. May we live out of the knowledge of what you've done for us, serving you with joy. In the name of Jesus, amen.

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