

Text: Joel 2:12–14

Even Now

Return to Me

With all Your Heart

Rend Your Hearts

We Know How God Is

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- Which of your friendships do you cherish the most? What has that relationship meant to you over the years?
- According to Joel 2:12, when is the best time to reconcile with God? Why is this the best time for reconciliation?
- How would you describe the process of returning? When is it difficult to return to something? When is it a joy?
- Read Luke 15:11-31. What do you think it was like for the rebel son to return to his father's house? How shocking is the father's response to the son's return (vv. 20-24)? What does the father's response say about the nature of God?
- What do you think it means to return to the Lord with all our heart? How do we complicate this notion?
- Why do you think God desires a heart-to-heart relationship with His people?
- How do you feel knowing that we sometimes break God's heart? Why is it necessary for our hearts to be broken for reconciliation to happen?
- How does knowing how God is (Ex 34:6) help ease the process of reconciling with Him?
- How does the reconciliation described in Joel 2 enrich our understanding and experience of Pentecost in Acts 1:8?