

Title: **The Day of the Lord: When Everything Falls Apart**
Text: **Joel 1**
Date: **June 14, 2026**

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Big Idea

When catastrophe strikes, all our comforts are stripped away. This wake-up call points us to our deepest need—not merely for relief from our circumstances, but for renewed dependence on the Lord. The devastation in Joel points beyond earthly disasters to the coming Day of the Lord and ultimately to Jesus, who offers us grace because He already endured the full, devastating force of God's judgment on our behalf.

Feel free to use the space below to take notes on today's sermon!



Reflection Questions

- What comforts, pleasures, or routines in your life have slowly crowded out your devotion to God? In what ways have you been “slumbering” while thinking all is well?
- If the things I most enjoy were suddenly taken away, what would that reveal about where my hope truly rests?
- How do I usually respond when something painful or out of my control happens? What does my response to suffering reveal about what I believe concerning God's sovereignty and goodness?
- If losing Christ would be like a bride losing her bridegroom, how precious is my relationship with Him today?
- How does Jesus' sacrifice change the way I think about judgment, suffering, and mercy?
- What would it look like for me to mourn, repent, and cry out to the Lord honestly this week?
- What is one practical way you can put aside a distraction or pleasure this week to seek God alongside your church community?

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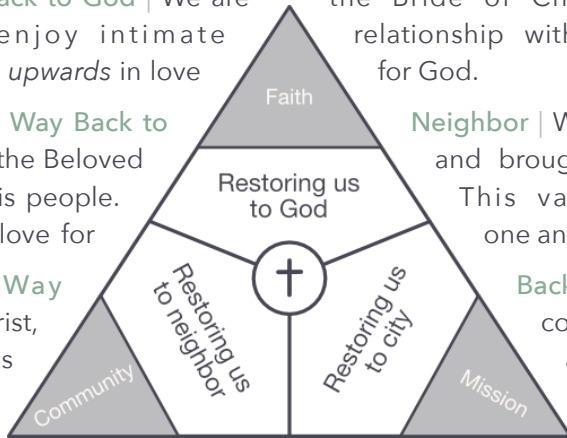
Our Mission & Values

Mercy Hill Church exists to help restore us to God, neighbor, and city through the good news of Jesus Christ.

FAITH: The Way Back to God | We are redeemed to enjoy intimate relationship with God. This value presses our church *upwards* in love for God.

COMMUNITY: The Way Back to Christ, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. This value presses our church *inwards* in love for Neighbor | We are the Family of and brought into covenantal relationship with his people. This value presses our one another.

MISSION: The Way the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his ambassadors. This value presses our church *outwards* in love for the Back to City | We are commissioned by the unbelieving. This church *outwards* unbelieving.



Your Next Steps

When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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Welcome to Mercy Hill Church.
We are so glad you've joined us today!

Announcement Spotlight

All Church Campout - Register TODAY!

We are excited to announce that we will again be hosting our All Church Campout at Mount Madonna County Park over the weekend of **June 26-28!** We have a huge group campsite all to ourselves and lots of options in the park for having fun together. Whether you love to camp or you'd rather still sleep in your own bed, we have something for everyone. Because the park is only a 45 minute drive from south San Jose, people can feel free to come and go as it works with their schedule and preference.

- **Option #1: Day-Use:** For those not wanting to camp but still wanting to participate, the Day-Use option is best. You can come in for the day, enjoy activities, meals, etc., and then head home to your warm bed while the rest of us "rough" it :).
- **Option #2: Camp:** This option is for those who want the full camping experience. We have the site for Friday and Saturday nights. You can choose to camp for one or both of these depending upon your availability and desire.

Scan the QR code below for more info and to find a link to sign up!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at info@mercyhillchurch.org.

Thanks for your support for the Nicaragua Short Term Missions Team! They arrived safely back late Thursday night. Find a team member and ask them how it was!

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