



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	07-05-2023	Joel: Wise up!
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> How was the Royal Coronation for you? What were your reflections?	
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> How engaged are you about climate change? Where do we/you see its effects? Is it a climate <i>emergency</i> ? What else do we need to wise-up about?	
 Read	Joel 1:1-20	 Listen again ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> v.1 : Does God still have things to say today? When/have <i>you</i> sensed the 'word of the Lord'? What might God be saying today to you/ us/ humanity? <input type="checkbox"/> v.2-3 : What difference does age make to the way people see the world/life? Is life getting easier/ harder? Better/ worse? How/ why are future generations affected by how we live today? <input type="checkbox"/> v.4 : What do locusts do? What is their effect? How are locusts linked to climate change? Metaphorically, what might 'locusts' be destroying/ eating away from us? e.g. our finances, physical/ mental health, self-esteem, hope... <input type="checkbox"/> v.5 : When does alcohol become a problem? What other ways do we sometimes 'mask'/ avoid dealing with life? e.g. working excessive hours... <input type="checkbox"/> v.8 : Why is the loss of a 'loved one', or of a 'relationship that never was', so painful? How does grief eat away at us? <input type="checkbox"/> v.13-14 : When have you had to 'wise up' to something? Why is accepting there is a problem so powerful? Why is saying sorry sometimes the hardest word to say? Why say sorry to others? To God? <input type="checkbox"/> v.19 : Why is this the ultimate 'facing reality'? When life is generally going well, is it easier or harder to see/ do this?	
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Watch an overview of Joel: https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/joel/ <input type="checkbox"/> Better still, read the book of Joel (just 3 chapters/ 2,000 words. 7 mins?)	
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> How might Joel speaking into your life/ situation?	
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Find out more about alcohol from https://www.DrinkAware.co.uk/ Use the App to accurately record your alcohol consumption.	
 Pray		



My questions:

*If you're not yet in a small group, why not join one! Check out: ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/SmallGroups
Can't see a group to suit your availability/interest? Start one! SmallGroups@ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk.*

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