








Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	31.10.21	Climate Justice	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> When was the last time you were really moved by a glimpse of creation?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> In what ways have we seen the pandemic affect different people disproportionately? <input type="checkbox"/> How is this also true of climate change? Can you be specific?		
 Read	Psalm 104 (vs 1-6; 31-35)	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> What do you consider to be evidence that climate change is a real threat to our planet? What patterns and shifts have you noticed over the past few decades? <input type="checkbox"/> What are your hopes / expectations for the COP26 summit? Why can't we leave it to the politicians? <input type="checkbox"/> How does the knowledge that ' <i>The earth is the LORD's</i> ' (Psalm 24) influence our position on looking after planet earth? <input type="checkbox"/> v.1-2: How do you interpret these images of God wearing his creation? How does his choice of clothing reveal something about his character? <input type="checkbox"/> v. 5-23: How does the psalmist describe God's design for an interconnected, interdependent ecosystem? <input type="checkbox"/> What place does science have in our understanding and appreciation of God's creation? Why do you think some people think science and faith are incompatible? How would you respond? <input type="checkbox"/> v.33-34: How does the psalmist respond to his observations of God's beautiful earth? <input type="checkbox"/> v.35a: How do you interpret this ending? How does it sit with the rest of the poetic psalm? <input type="checkbox"/> God created us to be in relationship: with Him; with each other; with His creation. How does the brokenness of any one of these affect us? Can you think of specific examples? <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change is happening: how should a Christian faith inspire us to make changes in our lives in order to bring about God's justice for the earth's climate?		

 Go further	Read Psalm 102:25-27 . Do you think the psalmist is exaggerating for poetic effect or is this prophetic? Is the psalmist suggesting that the end of the earth is part of God's plan? How do you respond to this in relation to climate justice?
 Reflect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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"/> What is God putting on <i>your</i> heart?
 Do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Read up and know the facts about climate injustice: BBC Future The UN Environment Programme <input type="checkbox"/> ACT NOW! Some suggestions: https://www.un.org/actnow Ten Simple ways to act on Climate Change (BBC)
 Pray	<p>Creator God, I stand in awe at the world You have made, especially _____ . Thank you for making _____ . We repent of our actions which are spoiling your earth. Inspire us to _____ . Help me to _____ . Amen.</p>
 My questions:	

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