



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

17-09-2023		Alpha & Omega	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> Take it in turns to think of <u>one</u> word that sums up your week. Use a Dictionary to read out its definition. <input type="checkbox"/> Or play a game of A to Z: category could be names, countries, Bible characters...		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> English/ Roman alphabet (26 letters) goes A to Z. Police/ military use <u>A</u> lpha, <u>B</u> ravo <u>C</u> harlie... <u>X</u> -Ray, <u>Y</u> ankee, <u>Z</u> ulu. Greek alphabet (24 letters) starts with Alpha and ends with Omega. <input type="checkbox"/> Why is Jesus the Alpha and Omega? What does this say about Him?		
 Read	Revelation 1:4-8	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> v.7 : Who is this? See Daniel 7:13-14 . Why come from the sky? Why be so dramatic? <input type="checkbox"/> v.7 : Why, with God, is it always “everyone”/ “all people”? Why does our human nature often reduce this to “us”/ “some” – surely not “them”/ “others”? <input type="checkbox"/> v.8 : What does it mean for Christ to be the <i>Alpha</i> ? Before what? See John 1:1-4 <input type="checkbox"/> v.8 : What does it mean for Christ to be the <i>Omega</i> ? After what? <input type="checkbox"/> v.8 : How might knowing that Christ <i>simultaneously was/is/is-to-come</i> help us/you deal with each moment/ situation/ need? Revelation was written to those experiencing intense suffering/ oppression. How might the truth of Alpha & Omega have helped?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Where is God in time?		
 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?		
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Find out more about the work of Christian Solidarity Worldwide : “As Christians, we stand with everyone facing injustice because of their religion or belief. Everyone. Free to believe.”		
 Pray	Say/ repeat slowly the Franciscan refrain: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. <i>[momentary pause]</i> As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever more. Amen.		
 My questions:			

*If you're not yet in a small group, why not join one! Check out: ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/SmallGroups
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