

Bible study notes - 30 March 2014
The battle for the heart - Joel 2:12-13

1. What do you think of when we talk about the heart?
2. In what ways does the bible use the word heart? Look up these verses to help: Gen 6:5, 1 Sam 1:13, Deut 1:28, Ps 37:4 and Exodus 8:15
3. Can we imagine an event that could shock us enough to leave us pale faced?

Now read Joel 2:1-11

4. A lot of people think everyone is going to heaven because we are all right with God, Israel felt the same way. What does God need them to do?
5. How do we know v13 is true of a God with such anger? What has he done to prove his grace and compassion?
6. How has God managed to deal with his anger? Does he just ignore what we do? Hebrews 10:19-23
7. How would you communicate God's anger at sin to someone who doesn't come to church? How can we help people accept the good news by understanding sin and its significance?

Personal response:

If we own a car we will take it for an MOT, why not take some time this week to check your heart not at the doctors but before God. Do you love God with everything you are? Does your life match the way you answer that question. Spend some time in prayer and confession, then thank God for his grace and ask for his help to live for Him.