

SUNDAY 10th November 2024

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Notes for individuals and House Groups

Theme: Remembrance Sunday

Bible passages: **Micah 4:1-5 [Isaiah 2:3-5] and John 15:9-17**

1. **Armistice Day** – Remembrance Sunday. My father worked in bomb disposal and my husband's father was a prisoner of war in Burma during WW2, so Remembrance Day has always been special for me.

2. **Prophecy:** This year has a somewhat different focus with the news of so many wars across the world. How we long for Micah's prophecy to become a reality. I was surprised to discover that the same prophecy was to be found in the book of the Prophet Isaiah [Isaiah 2:4]. Both Micah and Isaiah lived at the same time in the southern kingdom of Judah during the time of the fall of the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

3. **When will we ever learn?:** The First World War was called 'The war to end all wars' and yet only 21 years later the world was at war again. Outside the UN headquarters is a statue of a man beating his sword with a hammer into a farm implement, and yet . . .

4. **How can we 'Love our neighbour as God loves us?'** I'm impressed by the projects which Prince William has undertaken: To eradicate homelessness in our nation within the next 5 years and his 10 year Earthshot Prize enabling those who are already finding innovative ways to Protect and Restore Nature; Clean our Air, Revive our Oceans, Build a Waste-Free World and Fix our climate are given cash incentives to develop their ideas for the benefit of the whole earth. If only warring governments would plant trees instead of bombs!

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Some points to consider, or for discussion in homegroups.

- 1 What does Remembrance Sunday/Armistice Day mean to you?
- 2 Is there such a thing as a 'just war'?
- 3 Is there anything we can do to enable Micah's prophecy be a reality?
- 4 Do you agree that Prince William's initiatives give us hope?
- 5 Do you know of any other similar initiatives?
- 6 How can we best show love to one another?
- 7 Was there anything else in the sermon or service you'd like to discuss?

Prayer for our world:

'May the warring nations learn to plant trees instead of bombs'