



Discussion starters Chapter 6

1. Have you experienced weeping in prayer, either personally or in those around you? Why do you think that Western culture seem to experience less of this? Would you want to ask God to give you the gift of tears?
2. Have you ever prayed and fasted for a situation? Describe your experience – what led you to do it? Did you do it alone or as part of a community? How did God reveal himself to you through it? What changed as a result?
3. Like many of the other people of prayer we have read about, Joel grounds his weeping and fasting in the glory of God. He reminds himself of what God is like: 'He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity' (Joel 2:13). Why is this important? How does it change our prayers when we remind ourselves of God's character as we pray?

