

Chat with the Children

- Who is the most famous person you have ever met?
 - who were they, where did you meet, what can you tell me about them?
 - Do you know them?
 - are you their friend?
 - do they share their secrets with you?
 - Explore difference between meeting someone, even knowing things about them, and actually knowing them
 - God doesn't just want us to know about him, but to know him
 - and that's the underlying theme of the bit of Joel we'll be looking at this morning...
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Introduction

- Centre of the book - cf Hebrew poetry, repetition for emphasis, and focus in the middle

I will pour out my Spirit: Personally (v.28-29)

- my spirit
- people
 - showing who he is and what he is like - the dreams and visions are seeing and experiencing God, who he is and what he is like

I will pour out my Spirit: Profusely (v.28-29)

- widely, not held back, on folk of every sort
- waterfall, not water bottle!

I will pour out my Spirit: Powerfully (v.30-31)

- signs and wonders, of God's reality, power, and presence

I will pour out my Spirit: Protectively (v.32)

- for salvation and deliverance

Conclusion

- Do we know the reality and power of God's presence in us by his Spirit?
 - personally, in own experience
 - profusely, none left out
 - powerfully, changing things and revealing God's glory
 - protectively, tied to our salvation and reassuring us