

HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT TO THINK?

Read Psalm 146:1-5

What princes or human beings might we be tempted to trust? Which ones do we listen to?

Why does the psalmist warn us not to trust them?

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

In what ways are we tempted and encouraged to “lean on our own understanding”?

What would it look like and involve to “trust in the Lord” instead?

Read John 15:9-15

What does Jesus tell his disciples (including us) to do?

What are the surprises to our human logic in these verses?

What can we know because of Jesus (v15)?

Read Mark 10:42-45

What kind of authority does Jesus exert?

Read 2 Tim 3:16-17

What does Paul tell us about the whole Bible?

Read Matthew 12:18-21

What does the Bible tell us about how Jesus treats people? How ought that to shape how we might talk of others?

Implications:

- **How should we approach hearing sermons which might touch on abortion, assisted suicide, gender and sexuality?**
- **How should we approach discussing these topics?**

Reflection:

- **Has God’s word been crowded out as an influence over my life? What do I need to do?**
- **Where am I struggling to obey God’s word?**

Pray

For God’s help to listen and trust and obey his word.