

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
The God who is wise beyond knowing

Note – This study is adapted and expanded from ‘The God who is there – Leaders Guide’ by D.A. Carson. His book ‘The God who is there’ may be profitably read as a companion to this sermon series.

1. Where do you encounter competing sources of wisdom? Why do you think they are so popular?
2. In the Bible wisdom is more than just ‘street smarts’. Why do you think that there is a moral element to wisdom?
3. There are books of the Bible that are often classified as ‘wisdom literature’ – Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job and some of the Psalms. How familiar are you with these Scriptures?
4. Why does the Bible teach that it is the fool who says, ‘There is no God’ (Psalm 14:1)?
5. Why is ‘the fear of the Lord the beginning of wisdom’ (Proverbs 1:6; 9:10)? What have you learned about God that confirms that this must be the case?
6. Read Ecclesiastes 12:1-14. What should we live in the light of? Who will all people give an account for how they have lived? Is this good news or bad news? What should be done about it?
7. Who is the wise man according to Jesus in Matthew 7:24? How would you rate your own hearing and obeying? What is the unwise danger that Jesus warns us to avoid. How could you grow in wisdom?
8. What does Paul mean when he says that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are in Christ Jesus (Colossians 2:3)?
9. When do you find it difficult to maintain your confidence that listening to Jesus and following him is the wise and good life? How does Psalm 73 help? What is Jesus promise to us in Matthew 11:28-30?