

ENGAGE THE WORD
WK3 – Psalm 146
(Facing God: His Justice)

I. ENTER

1. Pastor Jeremy suggests the Bible has a *comprehensive* view of justice—but for various reasons, we tend to *focus* on one particular aspect. What aspect of justice/righteousness do you tend to focus on? What makes it challenging to focus on the others?

	Justice	Righteousness
“Conservative”	Fair punishment of guilty	Personal morality; family values
“Liberal”	Emphasis of rights, esp. of vulnerable	Social relationships; systems

II. EXPLORE

*Psalm 146 part of a sequence of praise songs that closes out the Psalter—and this psalm is particularly focused on the attribute of God’s justice. **READ PSALM 146.***

2. What caution(s) do(es) this psalm give us about hope and justice?
3. According to the psalm, who does God show concern towards? (consider vv7-9)
4. How has God not only shown concern for vulnerable, but identified with them?
5. In Luke 4:16-20, Jesus opened his earthly ministry quoting from Isaiah 61:1-2. How does that “Suffering Servant” passage compare to this psalm?

III. ENGAGE

Devotion to Jesus

6. How has this psalm given you a deeper sense of Jesus’s *loving justice & just love*?

Deepening in His gospel together

Galatians 6:10 challenges us “as we have opportunity” to “do good to everyone, *and especially to those who are of the household of faith*” (i.e., the church).

7. How can we serve one another “justly” in this community group? Who do you notice in our church that may be particularly “vulnerable” or isolated? How can we “do good to” them?

Declaring His gospel to others

8. Who are “the vulnerable” (outside of the church) near you (family, work, school, or neighborhood)? What would it look like for you to reflect God’s own heart for justice to them?