

Called Week 4

Discussion Guide



Icebreaker

If you were granted one request today, what would you ask for and why?

Read

Take turns reading 1 Kings 3:1-15

Discuss

When God appeared to Solomon and essentially said, "Ask for whatever you want," Solomon's response revealed what mattered most to him. He did not ask for power, comfort, revenge, success, or wealth. Instead, he recognized his limitations and his need for God's wisdom to lead people well. Solomon understood that responsibility without wisdom is dangerous.

- **What stands out to you most about Solomon's response to God?**
- **Solomon openly admitted he felt inadequate for the task before him. Why is it difficult for adults to admit they do not have all the answers?**
- **When life feels overwhelming, where do you usually turn first for guidance or direction?**
- **What do you think is the difference between being smart and being wise?**

God was pleased with Solomon's request because it reflected humility and a desire to serve others faithfully. Solomon's prayer was not self-centered; it was rooted in responsibility and dependence on God. Often, our prayers reveal whether we primarily want God's help building our kingdom or faithfully serving His.

- **If someone looked at your prayers, worries, or goals, what would they say matters most to you?**
- **What kinds of things do people most often pray for or ask for today? What does that reveal about us?**
- **Have you ever gotten something you desperately wanted and realized it did not satisfy you the way you expected?**
- **What would it look like to seek wisdom first in your marriage, parenting, friendships, work, or ministry?**

Wisdom is not simply knowing information. Wisdom shapes how we live, respond, and treat people. The challenge is not just hearing truth but slowing down enough to actually live differently because of it.

- **What is one area of your life where you tend to react quickly instead of thoughtfully?**
- **What practical habits help a person grow in wisdom over time?**
- **What would change in your life if you consistently paused to seek wisdom before reacting or deciding?**

Application

Solomon's story reminds us that wisdom is not just something we admire, but it is something we pursue daily. Most people do not intentionally choose foolishness; we just move too fast, rely too much on ourselves, or stop paying attention to what is shaping us. Wisdom grows when we become honest about needing God's help and willing to slow down enough to listen.

- **Where in your life do you currently feel the greatest need for wisdom?**
- **What situation are you most tempted to handle in your own strength right now?**
- **Is there an area of your life where you sense God may be trying to grow your character, patience, humility, or trust?**

Prayer

Spend time praying Solomon's prayer in your own words today and for the next week:

"Lord, give me wisdom to lead, love, speak, decide, and respond in a way that honors You."