



Group Discussion Questions

Responsibility for My Wisdom January 18 & 21, 2018

Group Discussion: Discuss one bad decision you made that led to a good lesson or one good decision you made that kept you from a painful experience.

Read: I Kings 3:1-15

Notice how Solomon shows his connection and commitment to God by the enormity of his sacrifice. James 4:8 says, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." God responds to his commitment by asking him what his greatest need and desire are. Solomon asks for wisdom. What do you think this passage is teaching us? If we sacrifice God will grant us one wish like a Genie? It's a special situation just for the King of Israel? How does drawing near to God work in your life?

In Vs. 6 Solomon thanks God for His "lovingkindness." That is God's loyal covenant of love. Solomon also mentions how David "walked" with God. David and Solomon had this mutual commitment relationship with God. What words or phrases would you use if someone were to ask you, "how God is committed to you?" How would you explain your commitment to God?

In vs. 10-12 Solomon is rewarded by God for wanting to be the best leader or King for the people of God. Do you know any wise people? What are they like? Why do you think they are wise? If you were to take responsibility for wisdom what areas of your life would you ask God to impact?

To take responsibility for wisdom you have to walk with wise people, Proverbs 13:20. What life experiences have you walked through with a wise person? Who has given you wise counsel? To whom have you supplied wise counsel?

The last application is to obey. Proverbs 23:23 says, Buy truth and do not sell it, Get wisdom and instruction and understanding. How do you buy truth? Solomon is taking a concept and making it a commodity. People invest in commodities and purchase them. What concepts would you turn into commodities and purchase?

Remember: Small Group sign-ups this Sunday. Encourage others around you to get into yours or another small group if they aren't currently attending one.

Family Time: Take a little time at a meal and lead a discussion about asking God for wisdom. What is wisdom? How do you get it? Read James 1:5. Then lead a prayer asking God that each person, name each individually, would grow in wisdom.