

## **INTRODUCTION:**

This week we were introduced to the author of Ecclesiastes and got a glimpse into his life and what qualifies him as an authority on “the meaning of life.”

## **MAINPOINT:**

**When faced with the choice, spiritual wisdom is more desirable than anything else.**

## **SERMON RESPONSE QUESTION:**

Solomon was given an opportunity by God to ask for anything that he desired, he chose wisdom. In all honesty is this what your first response would be? Why or Why Not?

## **BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS:**

In another one of Solomon’s writings, Proverbs 1:1-7 he makes it very clear his desire in writing so extensively, what is it?

In Proverbs 1:7 Solomon makes a very pointed statement, “the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge (wisdom)...” Why do you think this is the conclusion he comes to? What impact does this have on the life of the Christian?

1 Kings 11 brings a very abrupt and disappointing end to the story of Solomon’s life. In what ways did Solomon display his own disregard for Proverbs 1:7?

1 Kings 11-13 we see God’s response to the sin of Solomon, what are some things we learn about the character of God in this interaction?

## **WAYS TO PRAY:**

- **Pray for spiritual understanding and wisdom in your life and in the lives of others (Colossians 1)**
- **Thank God for His continued long-suffering towards us even in our disobedience**