

## **SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE**

### **Leviticus 25:38**

38 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan and to be your God.

### **1 Kings 3:16-28**

16 Now two prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. 17 One of them said, “Pardon me, my lord. This woman and I live in the same house, and I had a baby while she was there with me. 18 The third day after my child was born, this woman also had a baby. We were alone; there was no one in the house but the two of us.

19 “During the night this woman’s son died because she lay on him. 20 So she got up in the middle of the night and took my son from my side while I your servant was asleep. She put him by her breast and put her dead son by my breast. 21 The next morning, I got up to nurse my son—and he was dead! But when I looked at him closely in the morning light, I saw that it wasn’t the son I had borne.”

22 The other woman said, “No! The living one is my son; the dead one is yours.”

But the first one insisted, “No! The dead one is yours; the living one is mine.” And so they argued before the king.

23 The king said, “This one says, ‘My son is alive and your son is dead,’ while that one says, ‘No! Your son is dead and mine is alive.’”

24 Then the king said, “Bring me a sword.” So they brought a sword for the king. 25 He then gave an order: “Cut the living child in two and give half to one and half to the other.”

26 The woman whose son was alive was deeply moved out of love for her son and said to the king, “Please, my lord, give her the living baby! Don’t kill him!”

But the other said, “Neither I nor you shall have him. Cut him in two!”

27 Then the king gave his ruling: “Give the living baby to the first woman. Do not kill him; she is his mother.”

28 When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice.

## **Deuteronomy 17:20**

20 and not consider himself better than his fellow Israelites and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.

## **John 13:3-5**

3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

**Privilege has a missional purpose if you are the people of baptism.**

**David did not have Solomon's wisdom . . . but Solomon did not have David's heart.**

**Wisdom that does not lead you to love is wisdom that misses Jesus. Wisdom devoid of Jesus is likely going to build Egypt. That is what we learn from the life of Solomon.**

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## **GROUP DISCUSSION**

**Read the Scripture together as a group.**

**Now, we need to pause and ask ourselves, how are we using our privilege?**

**What does it mean to live in the wealthiest nation of all time?**

**What does it mean to have all the resources we have as people of baptism, the people of Jesus?**

**Are we taking those privileges and using them to advance our own mission, our own wealth, our status, our own perception?**

**When you think about your money, your house, your vehicles, your time, your intellect, your skillsets, whatever is a part of your life....are those things oriented towards the Kingdom of God? Are they used to elevate others and promote the wellbeing of all?**