

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Solomon's Prayer for Guidance

With Gerrit Nieuwoudt
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1 Kings 3:5-10 (NLT) That night the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream, and God said, "What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!" ⁶ Solomon replied, "You showed great and faithful love to your servant my father, David, because he was honest and true and faithful to you. And you have continued to show this great and faithful love to him today by giving him a son to sit on his throne. ⁷ "Now, O Lord my God, you have made me king instead of my father, David, but I am like a little child who doesn't know his way around. ⁸ And here I am in the midst of your own chosen people, a nation so great and numerous they cannot be counted! ⁹ Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom.

• **Wisdom is becoming competent with the realities of life!**

• **True wisdom begins with a loving God!**

• **God promises to guide us along the best pathway!**

Big Idea: Pray to the God of wisdom and He will guide you along the best pathway!

John 6:68-69 Lord, where else would we go? You have the words of eternal life! We believe, and know that you are the holy one of God.

"Live it"



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- 2) Take time to have one person explain and the practice the 3 Circles Gospel Presentation or share their testimony.
- 3) Read 1 Kings 3:5-10. What is the **Context** for this passage? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer / speaker and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 4) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about this passage?
- 5) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in these passages for us and what does this tell us about being guided by Jesus? What are the implications for those who want to follow Jesus?
- 6) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? What does it look like for you to live a life that is guided by God?
- 7) How do these verses call on you to change the way you live? What step will you take today? What principles do you need to pass on to others this week?



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