



Leader's Guide Week 1 – As I grow old – Am I growing wiser?

Leaders Opening Question: “What is one piece of wisdom you have gained with age that you wish you had known earlier?”

Sermon Questions with Discussion Prompts:

1. **Solomon's Story** Before this sermon, what did you know about Solomon? What surprised you?
2. **Solomon was wise because he had clarity and knew what he needed.** When he asked God for wisdom, he did so with humility and fear of the Lord.
 - When you talk with God, do you come with clarity in what you're asking for? How would your prayers be different if you planned your prayer and came with reverence?
 - Discussion Prompt: Read James 1:5 – God promises wisdom if we ask. Ask for testimonies: “Has God ever given you clarity in a confusing time?”
3. **Solomon was wise until he walked with bad company.** He began walking with people who had different views and values on life and God. He was wise and foolish at the same time.
 - Who do you allow to be in your life that shapes your spiritual walk right now? What qualities in them draw you closer to God – or away from Him?
 - Discussion Prompt: Read Proverbs 13:20. Ask, “Have you seen how the people around you influence your faith, positively or negatively?”

4. **Solomon was wise until he housed competing devotions and allowed them all in his heart.** He tried to balance them. He thought that he could have a little devotion in a part of his life and that it wouldn't affect his main devotion to God. He was wrong.
- What "competing devotions" do you see most tempting people today?
 - Discussion Prompt: Suggest examples if the group is hesitant. Money, comfort, health, kids, politics, hobbies. Ask, "How do these shift our focus from Jesus?"
5. **Jesus the greater King.** Pastor reminded us, "You can grow wise because He (Jesus) was despised and died for the unwise." How does Jesus, the true King, succeed where Solomon failed — and how does that give us hope as we grow older and want to grow wiser? What is one step you can take in the next week to grow wiser in Christ?