

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Read 1 Chronicles 28:9-10. David was encouraging Solomon as he announced he was the next king of Israel. What do we learn about the heart in this passage?
2. Read 1 Kings 3:1-3. How does this passage indicate a potential problem with Solomon?
3. Read 3:4-15. The gifts of wisdom, riches, and honor that Solomon received are amazing, but what difficulties do you think come with these?
4. Read 1 Kings 6:37-38, and 7:1. Solomon's greatest achievement was the building of the first Jewish temple. Why do you think the Bible tells us he spent more time building his palace than the temple?
5. Compare what Solomon told the people in 1 Kings 8:60 to 1 Kings 11:4-6. How could Solomon be so wise and yet turn to other gods?
6. Read Matthew 6:24. How does this apply to Solomon? To us?
7. Close in prayer, pray that each member will be wholeheartedly devoted to Christ.

Sermon Study Guide

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We Three Kings

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SERMON NOTES

WISDOM FOR THE HEART THE REIGN OF KING SOLOMON

PASSAGES IN 1 KINGS, 1 AND 2 CHRONICLES

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT KING SOLOMON?

1. SOLOMON WAS THE 2ND SON OF DAVID AND _____,
AND THE SON CHOSEN TO BE THE NEXT KING OF ISRAEL.
2. WE READ ABOUT SOLOMON IN: _____

3. SOLOMON WROTE 3 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE: _____

(1 KINGS 4:32-34)
4. GOD GAVE SOLOMON A _____ AND UNDERSTANDING HEART,
MAKING HIM THE WISEST MAN WHO EVER LIVED. (1 KINGS 3:12)
5. SOLOMON ALSO SURPASSED ALL THE KINGS OF THE WORLD IN
_____. (1 KINGS 10:23, 2 CHRONICLES 9:22)
6. SOLOMON REIGNED FORTY YEARS AND BUILT THE FIRST JEWISH
_____ IN JERUSALEM.
(1 KINGS 6:37-38, 2 CHRONICLES 3:1)
7. SOLOMON WAS NOT _____ DEVOTED
TO THE LORD ALL HIS LIFE. (1 KINGS 11:4)

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Answers to fill in the blanks:
WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT KING SOLOMON? 1. BATHSHEBA 2. 1 KINGS 1-11, 1
CHRONICLES 22-23, 28-29, AND 2 CHRONICLES 1-9 3. SONG OF SOLOMON (SONGS),
PROVERBS, AND ECCLESIASTES, PLUS PSALM 72 AND 127 4. WISE 5. RICHES 6. TEMPLE 7.
WHOLEHEARTEDLY
LESSONS FROM SOLOMON 1. IGNORE, ANY 2. CLOSEST 3. MEANINGLESS
SOMEONE GREATER 1. JESUS CHRIST 2. SEEK HIM

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

LESSONS FROM SOLOMON

1. **WHEN WE CHOOSE TO _____ GOD'S WORD, OUR HEARTS WANDER AWAY FROM GOD.**

1 Chronicles 28:9–10 (CSB)

⁹ “As for you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father, and serve him wholeheartedly and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands the intention of every thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you abandon him, he will reject you forever. ¹⁰ Realize now that the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary. Be strong, and do it.”

Deuteronomy 17:14–17 (CSB)

¹⁴ “When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, take possession of it, live in it, and say, ‘I will set a king over me like all the nations around me,’ ¹⁵ you are to appoint over you the king the LORD your God chooses... ¹⁶ However, he must not acquire many horses for himself or send the people back to Egypt to acquire many horses, for the LORD has told you, ‘You are never to go back that way again.’ ¹⁷ He must not acquire many wives for himself so that his heart won’t go astray. He must not acquire very large amounts of silver and gold for himself.

SOLOMON FAILED TO FOLLOW _____ OF THESE COMMANDS!

2. **THOSE _____ TO US WILL AFFECT OUR WALK WITH THE LORD.**

1 Kings 11:2–4 (CSB)

² from the nations about which the LORD had told the Israelites, “You must not intermarry with them, and they must not intermarry with you, because they will turn your heart away to follow their gods.” To these women Solomon was deeply attached in love. ³ He had seven hundred wives who were princesses and three hundred who were concubines, and they turned his heart away. ⁴ When Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away to follow other gods. He was not wholeheartedly devoted to the LORD his God, as his father David had been.

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

3. **REGARDLESS OF EDUCATION, FULFILLED GOALS, PLEASURES, WEALTH, OR FAME, LIFE LIVED APART FROM GOD WILL BE _____!**

Ecclesiastes 1:2 (NIV84)

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

1 Timothy 6:9–10 (CSB)

⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation, a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

SOMEONE GREATER

1. **ALL THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON DOES NOT COMPARE WITH THE WISDOM WE FIND IN _____!**

Matthew 12:42 (CSB)

⁴² The queen of the south will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and look—something greater than Solomon is here.

1 Corinthians 1:24 (CSB)

²⁴ Yet to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God,

2. **WISE MEN STILL _____!**

Matthew 2:1–2 (CSB)

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star at its rising and have come to worship him.”