

## LEADER NOTES

- **Set the tone early.**

Remind the group that wisdom grows in humility, not in having the right answer.

- **Keep the focus on desire.**

Solomon's request reveals his heart before it reveals his role.

Listen for what people want, not just what they say.

- **Watch for comparison language.**

Redirect if the conversation shifts toward success, outcomes, or status.

- **Protect space for silence.**

Let pauses sit.

Wisdom often surfaces after people stop talking.

- **Gently guide application.**

Help members move from insight to obedience without fixing or correcting.

- **Model honesty.**

Share a brief example of a time you asked God for wisdom instead of control.

*Close by praying for discernment.  
Ask God to shape desires before decisions.*

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### ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORY *1 Kings 12:1-16*

### ASK FOR PRAYER REQUESTS\* ASK A VOLUNTEER TO CLOSE IN PRAYER

*\*Share & record prayer requests & follow up throughout the week*

**PLEASE TAKE ATTENDANCE**

## TARGET

**Topic:** Wisdom begins when you ask God for what He wants to give.

**Take Away:** Your walk with God deepens when humility leads your requests and obedience follows His wisdom.

**God Stories:** A God Story is an undeniable encounter or experience that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

**Ice Breaker Question:** *What is something that you have always wanted?*

**This Week's Passage:** *1 Kings 3:1-15*

**Share background:** *Israel emerged from a season of spiritual inconsistency under David, marked by sincere covenant faith alongside tolerated worship at high places that had not yet been centralized in Jerusalem. After David's death, Solomon came to the throne through a tense succession that required decisive acts of justice to secure the kingdom. Though unified, Israel still carried strong tribal loyalties and lingering rivalries, making centralized leadership essential. The nation was stable and prosperous, strengthened by David's military victories, expanded trade, and accumulated wealth that Solomon inherited. Israel now stood as a regional power, engaging neighboring nations through diplomacy rather than constant warfare.*  
*And now the story from God's Word.*

**Tell the story, Rebuild the story, Read the story from God's Word.**

**Head Question:** *Why did Solomon's request matter for leading God's people?*

**Heart Question:** *When you pray, what do your requests reveal about what you value?*

**[Note to Leader]** *Note that God asked Solomon what he wanted after he made a huge sacrifice, lean into this for a moment. What could God be asking us to sacrifice?*

**Hands Question:** *What is one decision or situation in your life right now where you need God's wisdom more than anything else? Will you share what that prayer looks like?*