

SEEKING AND USING GODLY WISDOM: 1 Kings 3:4-15; 23-28

CREATE INTEREST

Question: If you were given one wish, what would you ask for?

STUDY THE BIBLE

1 Kings 3:4-9

Read Aloud: Have someone read 1 Kings 3:4-9.

Discussion: Who is the wisest person you've known, and what is something they said that you remember today?

What did Solomon's request for wisdom demonstrate about him?

Why do you think Solomon requested wisdom above all other gifts he could have sought?

1 Kings 3:10-15

Read Aloud: Have someone or a few people read 1 Kings 3:10-15.

Discussion: Why did Solomon's request for great wisdom in v. 10 please God? Is there something we should learn from this?

What are some ways believers acquire godly wisdom today?

How can believers share godly wisdom with non-believers who face difficult decisions without giving them the impression of superiority?

1 Kings 3:23-28

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud 1 Kings 3:23-28.

Discussion: What is the hardest decision you've had to make lately, or one you are facing right now, for which you need 'the wisdom of Solomon'?

When you make a decision, how do you know you've made the right one?

**Does anyone in the group have a decision you are facing for which you need prayer?
(If someone responds affirmatively, stop and pray for them.)**

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Pray daily for wisdom in one specific area of decision-making (family, work, finances, relationships). Ask God to give you a "listening heart" that discerns good and evil and seeks others' good.

Read one chapter of Proverbs each day for one month. Note one verse of wisdom to memorize and practice, then share it with someone who might benefit from God's counsel.

Think of a past decision that hurt someone. Seek forgiveness where possible, and ask God to grow you into a person whose choices consistently reflect his wisdom, justice, and compassion.

PRAYER TIME

GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE: I Kings 19:1-18**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: When you get 'down in the dumps,' what gets you going again?

STUDY THE BIBLE**I Kings 19:1-9**

Read Aloud: Have someone read I Kings 19:1-9.

Discussion: After hearing Jezebel's threat and fleeing into the wilderness, how would you describe Elijah's mental, emotional, and physical condition in these verses?

What is significant about Elijah's forty-day journey through the wilderness to Horeb (the mountain of God), and what might this length of time suggest about what God was doing to him?

Where do you see God's provision for Elijah in these verses, and how have you personally experienced God's provision during a difficult or draining time?

I Kings 19:9b-13a

Read Aloud: Have someone or a few people read I Kings 19:9b-13a.

Discussion: How does God typically speak to his people in Scripture? Through what means or circumstances have we seen him communicate?

What can Elijah's experience of hearing God in a gentle whisper teach us about how to listen for God's voice in our own busy or chaotic moments?

Elijah felt isolated and discouraged. What practical steps can we evaluate and commit to as a group to ensure no one among us feels spiritually or emotionally alone?

I Kings 19:13b-18

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud I Kings 19:13b-18.

Discussion: Looking at God's interaction with Elijah in 1 Kings 19:13b-18, which of these statements best fits your current season, and why?

- I need to be quiet in order to hear God speaking to me.
- I have felt alone in living for God, but I'm realizing that I'm not.
- I need God to refresh and sustain me.
- Things may not be as bad or dark as they seem.

What does God actually say to Elijah in 1 Kings 19:13b-18, and what does this message reveal about God's perspective on Elijah's situation and the future?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Make time to rest. Just as Elijah experienced physical and emotional exhaustion, many people today face burnout from work, responsibilities, and life's pressures. The passage shows the importance of rest and renewal, so make time for God on your calendar.

Hear from God in quiet moments. In a world filled with noise and distractions, Elijah's encounter with God in a gentle whisper reminds us to seek moments of silence and stillness to hear God's voice and find peace. Set a time and place every day to pray and read God's Word.

Thank God for his divine provision. God's provision for Elijah through an angel's food and drink teaches us to trust that God will provide for our needs, even when we feel depleted and alone. Name the ways God has provided for you throughout the last year.

Commit to make this group a priority: God reassures Elijah that he is not alone and that there are others who remain faithful, emphasizing the importance of community and support systems in our lives. Look for others in the group who need encouragement and a friend to help them face a difficult circumstance.

PRAYER TIME

UNDIVIDED HEARTS: 2 Kings 23:1-30**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: What is one habit or practice you have had to completely remove from your life because it kept pulling you away from something important?

STUDY THE BIBLE**2 Kings 23:1-14**

Read Aloud: Have someone read 2 Kings 23:1-14.

Discussion: What did Josiah do with the Book of the Covenant, and what broad kinds of reforms did he begin in response?

How does Josiah's decision to gather everyone around God's word and then act on it challenge the way we respond when Scripture exposes sin in our community or habits?

What do Josiah's decisive actions against idols in the temple and high places reveal about the danger of "tolerated" sin, and how might we evaluate similar areas of compromise today?

2 Kings 23:15-24

Read Aloud: Have someone or a few people read 2 Kings 23:15-24.

Discussion: What did Josiah do to the altar and high place at Bethel and to the high places in the cities of Samaria?

Josiah's reforms reach beyond Judah into former northern territory. What might it look like for our obedience to God's word to extend beyond "safe" or expected areas of life?

The writer says no king turned to the Lord like Josiah, yet the reforms come late in Judah's history. What does this combination of remarkable obedience and timing teach us about both the power and limits of reform movements?

2 Kings 23:25–30

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud 2 Kings 23:25–30.

Discussion: How is Josiah's devotion summarized, and what does God still say about his anger toward Judah?

How does the reality that even a godly leader like Josiah cannot cancel God's judgment affect the way we place our hopes in spiritual or political leaders today?

Josiah dies in battle, and his son does not follow his example. What does this show about the need for a lasting, righteous king, and how does it set the stage for the messianic hope?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Remove a modern idol. Identify one area (work, entertainment, approval, comfort) where something good has become ultimate. Take one specific, costly step to “tear it down” this week (a boundary, fast, or change of habit), inviting a trusted friend to hold you accountable.

Restore a neglected rhythm. Choose one biblical practice you have drifted from (Lord's Supper, gathered worship, daily Scripture, Sabbath rest). Make a clear plan to re-establish it this week, asking God to use it to re-center your heart on his grace.

Lead like Josiah. If you have influence in your home, group, or ministry, take one step to bring people together around God's word like a family reading time, a group Scripture focus, or a renewed emphasis on obedience, not just discussion.

PRAYER TIME

GIVE THANKS: I Chronicles 16:8-13; 23-36

CREATE INTEREST

Question: What is something you are truly thankful for?

STUDY THE BIBLE

I Chronicles 16:8-13

Read Aloud: Have someone read I Chronicles 16:8-13.

Discussion: According to verses 8–13, what specific things are God’s people commanded to do in response to him (list the verbs and phrases)?

How does remembering God’s “wondrous works” and covenant faithfulness in these verses shape the way we view our current circumstances and respond to hardship?

I Chronicles 16:23-29a

Read Aloud: Have someone or a few people read I Chronicles 16:23-29a.

Discussion: What are God’s people commanded to do in “all the earth” and “among the nations” regarding his salvation, glory, and marvelous works?

What are some practical ways you personally can “declare his glory” this week (in your workplace, home, or friendships)?

What does this passage suggest about the role of music and song in worship, and how might that challenge or affirm how you currently engage in worship through singing?

I Chronicles 16:29b-36

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud I Chronicles 16:29b-36.

Discussion: Verse 34 says, “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.” What truths about God’s character are highlighted here?

In light of verse 34, what is one specific way you can practice daily gratitude this week, especially in an area you usually complain or worry about?

“Blessed be the Lord...from everlasting to everlasting” (v.36). How does seeing God as eternal, beyond our circumstances, shape the way we worship and trust him today?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD’S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Remember God's Faithfulness: Reflect on past experiences where God has been faithful. Use these memories to strengthen your faith and trust in him during challenging times.

Engage in Worship: Make worship a central part of your life. This can include singing, praying, and reading Scripture. Consider joining the church’s worship team or choir.

Share God's Deeds: Tell others about the wonderful things God has done in your life. This can be through personal conversations, social media, or testimonies in church.

PRAYER TIME