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## SCRIPTURE

### 1 Kings 3:3-14

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. 4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” 6 And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. 7 And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9 Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you. 13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. 14 If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

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Thank you for your servant leadership!!

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Introductions:

- If you could describe your family of origin using ONLY two words, what would they be?

### Scripture Reflection:

- How does this week's passage connect to previous weeks?
- Why was Solomon's request for wisdom so applauded by God?

### Sermon Reflection:

- Lara talked about the fear of the Lord as the beginning of wisdom. How does elevating fear as an important posture toward God strike you?
- Humility is honest and open recognition of your gifts and their shadows. What makes self-awareness difficult? How do we grow in self-awareness?
- Proverbs and Ecclesiastes are very different books, which do you gravitate towards? Why? What do you need to learn from the other?
- Paradox is at the heart of our faith. How comfortable are you with contradiction and paradox in faith and life?
- Pastor Lara talked about how the church needs your financial support to survive and how the church depends on God only for its life. How do you make sense of that?

### Closing Question & Application:

- What did God say to you during the conversation today?
- How might you live out that learning this week?

### Prayer: *(save a little extra time for this)*

- Have everyone get into partners and encourage them to share what they need prayer for in the upcoming week then have everyone pray right then and there for their partners. End by singing the doxology together.

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Let your group know that it's not too late to pledge AND we would love to have them soon!