

Discussion Guide -- "Give Me Wisdom"

Week of August 5, 2018

Read **1 Kings 3:3-14; James 1:5-8; 4:1-3; Psalm 139:23-24**

- Solomon had an opportunity many of us have dreamed about (1 Kings 3:6). God offered to grant Solomon whatever He desired. Wow! Can you imagine? If God made an offer like this to you, what would you request? What is the one thing you desire the most?
- What did Solomon request? See 1 Kings 3:7-10. Why is it important for a "ruler" to have a wise and understanding heart? Is that something you need too? How would that help you?
- What does James 1:5 say about praying for wisdom? God wants us to be wise, so the prayer for wisdom is a prayer that is totally in line with His will for our lives. That's why it is one of the prayers God will answer. James 1:6-8 gives some "qualifications" for the promise. What are those "qualifications?" What does this mean? How should this affect the way you pray?
- Consider what Bible says in James 4:1-3. Although God wants to give us wisdom, we may never receive God's wisdom if we don't ask. And even if we ask, we need to make sure we ask in faith and with the proper motives.
- Spend a few minutes asking God to reveal anything in your life or in your heart that offends Him and may be "blocking" your prayers. Let Psalm 139:23-24 guide your prayers. Once God points them out, confess those sins and ask God to help cleanse your heart!