

Small Group Study Notes

1 Kings 3:1-28

1. This chapter eulogies Solomon except for the comment about marrying Pharaoh's daughter. She and his other wives were both wrong and would be his downfall (Deut 17:17 & 1 Kings 11:4). Why do you think one so wise would do something so foolish?
2. God rejected Adonijah who thought he would make a great king (1:5) and elevated Solomon who said "I do not know how to carry out my duties (3:7). How do you explain this?
3. What do we learn about Solomon from the answer (v7-9) he gave to God's offer (v5)?
4. What would you ask for if God made that offer to you?
5. Wisdom is highly regarded in the bible (James 1:5 & Luke 2:52 & Acts 6:3 Proverbs 4:5-9) what do you think the bible's understanding of wisdom is?
6. If real wisdom is applying the truths of the law (the bible) to each situation then in what way(s) does Solomon show wisdom in the court case?