



## Group Guide

# Heavy is the Head that Wears the Crown

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**Main Passage: 1 Kings 3:5-15**

## Theological Theme

Solomon took over the throne as king of Israel following David. He felt the heavy weight of what it takes to lead and responded with humility when God invited him to request anything he desired.

## Introduction

- ? What are some other popular things you think people would wish for?
- ? What would you wish for if you were assured it would be granted?

## 1. A Wise Request (1 Kings 3:5-9)

Sometimes the reality of what you wanted or expected to happen can be overwhelming when it comes to pass. While dealing with the new position of leadership, Solomon had a powerful dream. The Lord visited Solomon and asked what he desired from God. God would bless the young king in the way he desired. Solomon's heart was surrendered to the Lord and God planned to do something special in and through his reign.

- ? When has the reality of a situation not matched what you hoped for or expected? How did you respond?
- ? How would you describe the difference between hearing with your head and with your heart? What is an example of this from your life?
- ? Application: What do you need to request of the Lord to fulfill the role He has given you?

## 2. Pleasing to God (1 Kings 3:10-12)

Solomon acknowledged his great need for wisdom, discernment, and understanding with the request he made of the Lord, and his humility pleased the Lord. Any time we acknowledge our need for God, it pleases Him. Though the world tends to dismiss or neglect humility, God honors it. Having a humble heart before the Lord should be our desire. When we willingly admit that we need God, we set ourselves up for Him to work in and through us beyond what we could have imagined.

- ❓ Why is humility often overlooked or dismissed by the world?
- ❓ How is the attitude of your heart connected to God's work in and through you? What would you say is the most common attitude or posture of your heart right now?
- ❓ Application: Where do you need to focus on pleasing God over pleasing yourself?

### 3. Even More Blessed (1 Kings 3:13-15)

Through this account, we learn about the heart of God and what He values. God heard Solomon's request and gave him wisdom that equipped him for the daunting task of leading as king. To judge rightly, wisdom and understanding were necessary. King Solomon's voice would have the most weight among God's people and his request for wisdom would not just benefit him but the entire nation.

- ❓ How does wisdom (or the lack thereof) in our lives also impact those around us?
- ❓ What do you learn about God from how He blessed Solomon beyond what he requested? How has God gone "above and beyond" for you?
- ❓ Application: Who has God given as an example of wise and godly living in your life? How can you follow their example?

### Conclusion

- ❓ Where do you need to seek help from the Lord right now? What keeps you from asking Him?
- ❓ When have you experienced the reality that the pursuit of God often leads to other areas of blessing in life? What might this include that are not material blessings?
- ❓ How can you seek a gospel conversation with someone by sharing about the wisdom of Solomon?