

## Series: Living the Dream.

### Scripture and Background Information for February 28-March 06.

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Community Group Discussion Guide** to complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns using the scripture below.

This week we continue our series: Living the Dream: The Power and Pitfalls of a God-Sized Life. The new series deals with Salomon's life. Today we will look at **1 Kings 3:1-15**, the root of Solomon's wisdom.

#### **Background for 1Kings 3:1-15:**

Today, our passage starts with Solomon being depicted as a wise man who builds alliances with other kings by marrying Pharaoh's daughter. Solomon stabilized the kingdom early on. Solomon did not only build into external relationships, but he also invested in his relationship with God. Our text shows us that Solomon showed his love to God by offering a thousand sacrifices. After demonstrating his love to God, God appears to Solomon in a dream, telling him to request for whatever he wants to. Solomon asks for understanding to lead the people of God. God keeps his promise and grants Solomon's request.

Some questions to engage with the text:

1. What did Solomon exactly ask for, and why? Was Solomon selfish in his request, or what was the motivation behind it?
2. How does our text display Solomon's posture & heart?
3. What was God's response to Solomon, and why did he respond that way? Compare to the following New Testament promises (Mt 7:7; John 15:7; 1 John 5:14). How do the New Testament promises and Solomon's story apply to us?

*Note: What we request is really what we desire. What we desire is what we will pursue. What we pursue determines who we are. If we love God with all we have, if we desire to serve His people with all we can, He will bless us in that!*

#### **Scriptures for upcoming weeks:**

March 07-13

1. Kings 5-9:9

March 14-20

1. Kings 10:1-13