

Series: Living the Dream.

Scripture and Background Information for March 14-20.

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. As in the last weeks, we focus on Solomon's life, learning how a God-sized life can look like in our life. Today we will look at **1 Kings 10:1-13**, the account of Solomon's encounter with the Queen of Sheba.

Background for 1Kings 10:1-13:

Today, our passage tells us that Solomon's wisdom gained him a reputation in the known world. The queen of Sheba (either Ethiopia or Yemen) came to Solomon to see his riches and wisdom. When the queen arrived, she tested Solomon on his wisdom. Her conclusion was: Astonishment. She was overwhelmed by Solomon's wisdom, which exceeded everything she heard about him. More than overwhelmed about him, the Queen drew conclusions about Solomon's God from her interaction with Solomon.

Some questions to engage with the text:

1. What are the attributes that the queen of Sheba mentions when talking about Solomon?
2. In Matthew 12:42, Jesus refers to our text, showing that He is greater than Solomon. Compare all the attributes that astonished the queen of Sheba. How is Jesus greater than Solomon?
3. What was the queen's conclusion after complimenting Solomon's wealth and wisdom? Whom did she praise for the riches and wisdom? To whom or what did Solomon point to with his riches and wisdom?

Remember: We want to learn from Solomon, but we don't want to exalt him. As believers, we know that everyone who encounters Christ as Savior will be more astonished than the queen was about Solomon!

Scriptures for upcoming weeks:

March 21-27

March 28-April 01

1. Kings 11:1-13

Ecclesiastes