

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE**A Wise King****FELLOWSHIP WITH EACH OTHER**

1. Spend a bit of time catching up a fellowshipping.
2. Give God thanks for the ways he's growing us up into Christ.

REVIEW CG PURPOSE

Review the purpose of CG and spend time in prayer for CG

1. The overarching mission of Restoration Church is to make disciples that delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ (in Washington, DC and beyond.)
2. CGs help us do that by focusing on: Maturity, Mutual Care, and Mission. Remind the group of the three main purposes of CG then briefly discuss each purpose.
3. **Maturity**
 1. What does it mean to be a MATURE or maturing Christian?
 2. How does CG foster maturity?
4. **Mutual Care**
 1. How Does Community Group foster MUTUAL CARE?
 2. What are some ways you've seen this at work in our CG?
5. **Mission**
 1. How Does Community Group foster MISSION?
 2. What are some ways you've seen this at work in our CG?

APPLY // 1 KINGS 1-2

Main Idea: The kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon according to the Lord's faithfulness.

1. Watch [Kings overview video](#). Note the three words/themes we'll be using to summarize Kings:
 - a. **Promise:** Kings traces the seed of the forever King promised to come from the lineage of king David (2 Samuel 7)
 - b. **Power:** God's word is powerful and accomplishes all that he purposes; man's word is weak and frail
 - c. **Primary:** God is worthy to be worshipped and will tolerate no false worship of little "g" gods.
2. Pray for our series through Kings.
3. Read 2 Samuel 7:13. Discuss the Lord's promise to David. How does this promise shape how we read Kings—what should we be looking for? And ultimately, how does Kings point us to Jesus?
4. Read 1 Kings 1:5-8. What's the posture of Adonijah's heart? How does this posture affect his desire to hear God's word? How might we be tempted to do the same? How does the gospel humble us?

5. Read 2 Kings 2:1-4. In David's final charge to Solomon, he exhorts him to live righteously. What can we learn from this passage and how does it apply to our lives today?

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // 1 KINGS 3-4

Main Idea: The Lord's king must rule in accordance with the Lord's wisdom so that the Lord's people might enjoy the Lord's blessing.

1. Read 1 Kings 3:1-4. What do these verses teach us about Solomon? The good? The not-so-good? What's the author's intent in highlighting both aspects of Solomon's character?
2. Read 1 Kings 3:5-15.
 - a. According to verse 6, what is Solomon's view of the Lord? What does his understanding of the Lord compel him to do?
 - b. According to verses 7-9, why does Solomon ask for wisdom?
 - c. What does the Lord commend Solomon for not asking for? Why?
 - d. Why is wisdom superior to these things?
 - e. How does the Lord respond to Solomon's prayer?
 - f. What does this tell us about the character of the Lord?
3. Read 1 Kings 3:16-28.
 - a. This passage provides an example of Solomon's wisdom. According to this passage, what is the purpose of Solomon's wisdom?
4. Chapter 4 paints a picture of "success" in the kingdom. Notice how it ends in verse 34. How does this verse reveal what God's Kingdom is supposed to be like?
5. How does this snapshot fit into the overarching narrative of Scripture?
6. Notice God's eagerness to bless his people in chapters 3-4. How does this give us a foretaste of the gospel and point us to Jesus?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: Catch up since it's been a while! Orient newer people to the purpose and process of this time together.