

# THE BROKEN THRONE

BOOK OF KINGS

THE RISE OF  
SOLOMON  
JANUARY 21, 2018  
Community Group  
Discussion Guide

## **Open**

If you were choosing, what qualities would you want someone who is in authority (i.e. supervisor, government official, company CEO, etc.) over you to have?

As we look over the list of qualities that we just mentioned, what do you think made us pick the qualities that we did? What ties them all together?

This week as we study the book of Kings we see the Rise of Solomon from young king to powerful ruler over a great nation. We find what brought him to greatness and his heart toward God.

## **Reflect**

Please read 1 Kings 3:3-15.

If God came to you and told you, "Ask for anything and I will give it to you." What would you ask for?

What qualities of Solomon led God to offer this to Solomon?

Please read 1 Kings 4:29-34. What aspect of Solomon's wisdom and wealth marvels you?

Why do you think God blessed Solomon so abundantly in this way?

## **Apply**

We see Solomon ask God for wisdom not success, glory, or riches. How might his request change how we pray and bring our requests to God?

God blessed each one of us with all different kinds of things from abilities, talents, time, health, finances, wisdom, family, etc. How have you or how could you use your blessings to bless others and love audaciously?

## **Close**

Prayer Exercise

During the Sunday sermon, we talked about The Heart That God Blesses. As we talked through them we find that the heart that God blesses isn't about receiving a material blessing but it is about receiving the blessing of a deep and meaningful relationship with God through Jesus.

Paul reminds us in Romans 12:1-2 "to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of

your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

We would like to take some time tonight to allow God to present ourselves to God and ask Him to renew us and give us a heart like the one we see young Solomon.

Below are instructions for 4 prayer “stations” to set up around the area or house where you meet. Please have the people in your group, at their own pace move from station to station and follow the instructions at that station. Please give plenty of time in this exercise for God to work. Once you are done you can adjourn your time together by asking anyone if they would like to share what God taught them through the evening or to pray for the group.