

KINGS AND CHRONICLES

Small Group Guide – Week of November 2

Kings and Chronicles: Wisdom and Obedience – The Reign of Solomon

Date: Week of November 2, 2025

Focus Passage(s): 1 Kings 1-11; 2 Samuel 7:12-13; 1 Kings 3:5-28; 6-8; 10:23-25; 11:1-13

Theme: Solomon's life shows that wisdom alone is not enough - true spiritual maturity requires obedient action. His story challenges us to examine the gap between knowing what is right and actually living it out, reminding us that obedience is not about rules but a response to God's love.

Suggested Schedule (60 minutes total)

Segment	Time	Description
Icebreaker	10 min	Build connection and open up the room
Intro/Recap	5 min	Read the key passages for the week
Group Discussion	25 min	Dive into Scripture and discuss real-life application
Deeper Dive Option	5–10 min	Optional deeper Bible study or individual challenge
Prayer & Requests	10–15 min	Close in prayer for growth + personal needs

1. Icebreaker

Time: 10 minutes

Prompt (choose one):

If you could ask God for *anything* and He would say yes, what would you ask for today?

Can you think of a time when you *knew* the wise thing to do, but struggled to follow through with it?

2. Message Recap + Scripture Introduction

Time: 5 minutes

It's one thing to know what to do. It's another thing to do it. Solomon had wisdom, experiences with God, success, and peace—yet he still drifted from God because he chose not to obey. His story is a cautionary tale: wisdom without obedience is not enough.

Read aloud:

1 Kings 3:5-14 (Solomon asks for wisdom), 1 Kings 11:1-6 (Solomon drifts from God)

Prompt:

What stood out to you, either from Sunday's message or from the scripture?

3. Group Discussion

Time: 25 minutes

1. Knowing vs. Doing

- Solomon knew what was right. Why do you think he chose not to obey?
- What are some reasons people today might know what is wise or godly but still struggle to obey?

2. Obedience as a Response

- The message said, "Obedience is not about earning God's love, it's our response to it." What does that mean to you?
- How does love change the way we approach obedience?

3. Heart Drift

- 1 Kings 11:4 says Solomon's heart "was not fully devoted to the Lord." What causes someone's heart to drift?
- How can we guard our hearts against spiritual drift?

4. Personal Reflection

- Can you think of a time when you obeyed even though it was difficult? What helped you follow through?
- What's one area in your life where you sense God inviting you to take a step of obedience?

4. Deeper Dive (Optional Study or Personal Challenge)

Scripture Studies (take time to read and reflect upon these stories and how to apply them in your life):

- **James 1:22-25** ("Do not merely listen to the word... do what it says.")
- **Matthew 7:24-27** (The wise and foolish builders)

Character Study Possibilities (read either/both of these, and think about what character traits we can apply from their stories):

- **King Solomon** (1 Kings 1-11, Ecclesiastes)
- **King David** (Solomon's father, 1 & 2 Samuel) – a contrast in obedience and repentance

Recommended Resource:

- **GotQuestions.org article:** "What can we learn from the life of Solomon?"
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5. Prayer Time (10 min)

Time: 10-15 minutes

- Thank God for His love and grace, which is not dependent on our performance.
- Ask for hearts that not only seek wisdom but also follow through in obedience.
- Pray for strength to resist spiritual drift and stay faithful in the everyday decisions.

Open Prayer Requests:

Invite members to share any personal needs or situations they'd like prayer for—spiritual, emotional, or practical.