

## **The Story Your Life's Really Telling Small Group Guide**

### **Warm-up Questions:**

1. If you could have any middle name besides the one you have, what would it be and why?
2. What's one thing you've inherited or passed down in your family, whether it's a tradition, trait, or even a name?

### **Read the following passages:** 1 Kings 3:7-15, Psalm 72:1-20

Solomon, stepping into the weighty legacy left by his father, David, doesn't ask for riches or fame. Instead, he prays for wisdom—an understanding heart to lead and discern. In Psalm 72, Solomon's prayer reveals a desire for a legacy that aligns with God's heart, focusing on justice, compassion, and a kingdom that blesses others. Solomon's reign points to a higher calling: not just to rule, but to reflect God's justice and love. Through these passages, we see a call to live lives that extend beyond personal success, aiming for eternal impact by serving others and glorifying God.

### **Questions for Discussion** (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

#### **Availability over Ability**

1. Reflect on Solomon's prayer in 1 Kings 3:9. Solomon's boldness in asking for qualities he didn't possess shows a deep trust in God's provision. When was the last time you asked God for something you knew you couldn't accomplish on your own? What does this reveal about your faith in His ability to work through your limitations?
2. Moses initially doubted his calling, offering excuses for why he wasn't fit for the role God gave him. Are there areas in your life where you've been making excuses, instead of relying on God's promises? How can you shift from focusing on your limitations to trusting God's ability to qualify and equip you?

#### **People over Position**

3. Jesus stopped in the midst of an urgent mission to acknowledge the woman in need of healing. How can you create space to be more present for the people God is calling you to see and serve?
4. In a culture that often prioritizes self-care and personal success, how can we shift our mindset to build a legacy of compassion over hustle? What practical steps can you take to balance caring for your own needs while making sure you don't neglect the people God has placed in your path?

### **Purpose over Prestige**

5. **Reflect on the resources, whether financial, time, or talent, that God has placed in your hands.** How do you currently view and use these resources? Are you investing them primarily for personal gain, or are you intentionally using them to build something that will outlast you and impact God's kingdom?
6. **Consider the question: "What are you willing to take responsibility for, even if you never get the credit?"** What opportunities might you be missing by focusing on recognition or validation from others?
7. What holds you back from giving freely and sacrificially? How can you begin to cultivate a heart that prioritizes God's purposes over your own comfort or desire for recognition,

### **Progress over Passivity**

8. Is there an area in your life where you've been "settling" instead of taking a bold step forward? What might it look like for you to embrace the courage to ask God for more, even if it means stepping into uncertainty?
9. Have you ever ignored God's nudge to step out because of insecurity or fear of failure? How might your fear of losing comfort or stability be blocking you from experiencing God's greater purpose for you?

### **Eternal Glory over Earthly Gain**

10. Do you find yourself more focused on being remembered for your personal accomplishments than for how your life reflects Jesus? How does that realization challenge you, and what steps can you take to bring accountability into this area of your life?
11. When you think about what drives you (your success, your hustle, etc.) what part of it is about proving something to yourself or others? Have you allowed that drive to overshadow God's purpose for your life? How is the pressure to "make your mark" impacting your relationship with God and others?

### **Pray**