

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

I Kings 4

Ice Breaker: Where do you go to feel the most peace and relaxation?

Ice Breaker: What evidences of God's grace have you seen this week?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Recap:** What has happened so far in the narrative? What have we learned about Solomon? What has taken place in the immediate context?
2. Why is it important for us to read and take seriously a list of names included in the Scriptures? What does this list of names communicate to us about Solomon's reign as king?
3. What keys to Solomon's success do we find in this chapter?
4. How was Solomon's reign different from David's reign as King? Why do you think God gave peace and prosperity during Solomon's reign? Does prosperity and peace guarantee God's approval? Why or why not?
5. **Read Genesis 22:17-18.** How is this promise fulfilled in our text? What further fulfillment of this promise are we still waiting to see?
6. **Read Isaiah 11:1-10.** What aspects of this passage remind you of Solomon's reign and which aspects are not yet fulfilled? How has and how will King Jesus bring a better peace and prosperity than Solomon?
7. What is our role today, as servants of King Jesus, to promote peace and human flourishing? What means has God given us to promote peace?
8. Where has God called you to promote God's peace today? How can you promote peace in our church today? (2 Cor. 5:17-21)
9. Solomon needed God's wisdom and the help of many to rule Israel with peace and justice. What gifts has God given to you to take part in His expanding reign and rule?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Where do you feel the most peace and security? Where do you feel most insecure?
2. How can we as a family live at greater peace with one another? What are the tools and instructions God gives us to live at peace with one another?
3. When will God bring final peace and eternal life to the world?

Resource: [How \(Not\) to Preach Historical Narrative](#) by Sam Emadi