

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for **October 20, 2024**

Sermon Notes

What a Kingdom!

1 Kings 4

The kingdom is always a reflection of the king. If the reign of David was Israel's golden age, then the reign of Solomon was the platinum age. What we see in today's passage is the high point of all of Israel's history. What a kingdom! But even as we see Solomon's kingdom in all of its grandeur and glory, we recognize that it's still not perfect. Even as we see in Solomon's kingdom temporal fulfillment of God's promises, it's still just a shadow or projection of the ultimate Kingdom to come. Jesus said about Himself, "Something greater than Solomon is here." Solomon's kingdom is amazing, but King Jesus is the hope for all who know Him by faith.

I. Living in Solomon's kingdom

- A. God's wisdom brings order and stability (1-19)
- B. God's faithfulness is cause for joy (20-28)
- C. God's wisdom was to be a blessing to the nations (29-34)

II. Living in the Already/ Not Yet Kingdom

- A. Knowing and experiencing the "Wisdom" of God
- B. Being fruitful as a Kingdom-minded person
- C. Living to bless others with God's wisdom
- D. Seeking to bring God glory from here to the nations

Applications: _____

Sermon Reflection Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom...*"

- *Colossians 3:16a*

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group or church family from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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OCTOBER
PASTOR APPRECIATION
MONTH

DEACON NOMINATIONS

25 PHS vs. W Alamance (Senior Night)
27 Widow/Single Sr Ladies Luncheon
27 Fall Family Festival

NOVEMBER

1 PHS @ Williams (FINAL GAME)
3 Daylight Saving Time ends :(