

Life Application Questions

[Wisdom Used] [1 Kings 3:16-28]

Scratching The Surface

Who do you go to for wisdom or advice? Why do you go to them?

The Heart Of The Matter

1. When you're faced with a dilemma, a problem or just life decisions, what's your process for finding a way through? How does this contrast with Solomon's approach in this passage? (Wisdom in process)
2. When do you find yourself most prone to 'analysis paralysis'? (How) do you end up a point of decision of how to proceed? (Wisdom in pronouncement)
3. What do you make of the claim that wisdom **is** the person of Jesus Christ? Does that change how you view him or relate to him in the everyday course of life? (Wisdom in proximity)

Digging Deeper

Read Proverbs 8 and consider 'Lady Wisdom' and the parallels with Jesus Christ.

Note: verses 22-25 do not mean that the son was 'created' but that his eternal nature has been 'from' or 'of' the Father.

1. How does seeing Jesus in the wisdom literature in the bible e.g. Proverbs change how we might read/apply them?
2. Read Proverbs 4:6-7 and consider in the light of Jesus being wisdom. What are the implications? Does this match up with any of Jesus' teaching during his earthly ministry?
3. What do you make of the claim that 'we don't read Jesus back into the Old Testament, he's already there waiting to be revealed'? Does that change how you read scripture? Are there other themes/aspects of scripture that take on a new depth with this in view?

You may want to break bread and drink wine together to remember the death and resurrection of Jesus together as a way of outworking 'wisdom in proximity'.