

**AFFIRMATION OF GROWTH (15 MINUTES)**

- **Check in:** Let each person share how their challenge went this week and one thing that God has taught them in facing it.
- **Opening Prayer:** Pray specifically for both those who struggled with the challenge and those who met their goal. Ask God to reveal the truth and continue the work he began in each person.

**BIBLE DISCOVERY (35-45 MINUTES: WHAT 10 MINUTES, SO WHAT 10-20 MINUTES, AND NOW WHAT 15-20 MINUTES)**

- **Watch Video**
- **Big Idea for gGroup:** God blesses obedience, but continued faithfulness requires a heart that stays fully devoted to Him and removes the things pulling our focus from God.
- **WHAT? (To allow great discussion we will not cover every Bible verse read on Sunday or in the chapter)**
  - **Read 1 Kings 9:1-9 (Might want to have 2 readers 1-5, 6-9)**
    - What promises and warnings does God give if Israel turns away from Him?
  - **Read 1 Kings 9:15-19, 24-28**
    - What would you say were Solomon's priorities in his life?
  - **Read 1 Kings 10:1-3**
    - What motivated the Queen of Sheba to visit Solomon?
    - What does it mean "heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD" (10:1)
  - **Read 1 Kings 10:4-9**
    - How does the Queen of Sheba see Solomon's wisdom?
    - Who does she ultimately give credit to for Solomon's wisdom and success?
  - **Read 1 Kings 10:14-23**
    - How would you describe the level of wealth and success Solomon and Israel had?
  - **Read 1 Kings 10:24-29**
    - Why do you think people from all nations wanted to hear Solomon's wisdom?
    - What were things creeping into Solomon's life that eventually pulled him away from God?
- **SO WHAT? (If you like to get this section started you can ask, "what stood out to you from the Bible?")**
  - Why do you think God gives both promises and warnings to Solomon multiple times, and what does it reveal to us about human nature? (1 Kings 2:1-4, 1Kings 3:10-14, 1Kings 6:11-13, and 1 Kings 9:1-9)
  - How can success, riches, power, and influence become a danger to our relationship with God?
  - God was recognized through Solomon's life. What does it look like for others to see God through our lives?
  - Why is it possible to do the "right things" spiritually, but still drift in your heart?
  - What are signs a heart is drifting from God? How can we help them return?
- **NOW WHAT?**
  - What are areas in your life where success, comfort, or distractions might be pulling your focus away from God?
  - What is one step of obedience you know God is calling you to take right now?
  - Ben mentioned this past Sunday about an outreach strategy called "BLESS", What does that mean and who do you need to BLESS?

**CHALLENGE FOR LIFE (10 MINUTES)**

- **One Challenge:** Has this passage revealed a point of growth or a needed change? Is there something you must do or voice in order to better obey God? Be specific and narrow it down with an "I will" statement
  - I will \_\_\_\_\_
- **Closing Prayer**
- **The week of March 30th is the last week of questions. Then the week of April 6th is party week.**