

Quest for God

I AM... Truth - I Kings 3:1-15

Read & Reflect

1. Read I Kings 3:1-15
 - characterize Solomon's faith life, based on indications in this story of how he practiced his faith.
 - Given that his throne was already firmly established (2:46b; and read how Solomon did it in chapters 1 & 2), did Solomon need any more wisdom?
2. Is the wisdom that Solomon received from God the same wisdom that the apostle Paul talks about in I Corinthians 1:18-31?

Explore

3. God's intellectual properties include perfect knowledge, perfect wisdom and perfect truth.
 - What does it mean to have the mind of God (see Philippians 2:1-11)?
 - How hard should we strive to have the mind of God (see e.g. Proverbs 4:1-7)?
4. An age old problem is accounting for God's perfect knowledge (he knows everything) and human free will (people can decide and do things "unpredictably"). How do you account for these two "opposing" themes.
5. In what life situations do you feel you most need the wisdom of God? Where in your life now do you need to ask God for wisdom? When has God's wisdom looked like foolishness to you (I Corinthians 1,2)?
6. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." What is the difference between viewing truth and knowledge as information and data or viewing it as a person (Jesus Christ)?
7. At Jesus' trial, Pilate asked, "What is truth?" Why do you suppose Jesus did not answer? How do you think Jesus would have answered Pilate if he spoke an answer?

Pray:

- Praise God that he is truth, and that he reveals all truth to you through Jesus Christ.
- Referring back to question 5, pray for wisdom (James 1:5-6), as you pray for one another (if you are in a group).

