

## GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

### CONNECT

Share the most impressive building or monument you have visited?

### LEARN & APPLY

- What stood out to you about today's sermon?

Read 1 Kings 3:7-15; 5:1-7; 8:6-51; 9:1-9; and 11:1-13

- How would you describe Solomon's encounter with God in his dream? Do you think this is important? Why?
- King Solomon was described as the wisest man who ever lived. Based on these readings, do you agree or disagree? Why?
- Solomon's position as King of Israel was both political and religious. What unique challenges did he face in this dual role?

Read John 2:13-22; 4:19-26; and 18:33-37

- How do these passages in John help you understand 1 Kings?
- What do observe in Jesus' interactions with Pontius Pilate? With the Pharisees at the Temple? With the Samaritan woman? Why is this important?
- What challenges and opportunities do you see in following Jesus within our current political and religious climates?
- How is Jesus challenging you or encouraging you today? What are one or two practical ways you could respond to Jesus this week?

### PRAY

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen— St. Francis of Assisi

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