

WORKSHEET FOR SESSION 6

King of the World: Wisdom (and Foolishness) in Solomon's Story (Part 2)

Your full name _____ Box number _____ Today's date _____

A. ASSIGNMENT. *In advance of class please complete the following.*

1. Begin memorizing Prov 6:20-23. Use the version linked to our class website.
2. Read 1 Kings 11:1-12:33; Ecclesiastes 1:1-18.

B. RESEARCH AND WRITING. *On the basis of the readings above, please answer each part of the following questions. Be sure to write this out in pen/pencil and submit at the beginning of the session in which it is assigned.*

1. When the Queen of Sheba observes Solomon's achievements in 1 Kings 10:6-9, what might she be referring to?

2. Read her words again . . . slowly this time. What do you find surprising? Why?

3. What is the indictment against Solomon in the text of Kings?

4. What is the conclusion to Solomon's story as suggested by the book of Ecclesiastes?

5. Brueggemann has suggested that the failure of Solomon may be measured in many ways. One way is his inability to keep "wisdom, might, and wealth" in balance with "love, justice, and righteousness" (See his *Truth Speaks to Power*, Westminster, 2013). How do you think this challenge plays out in the life of the Church today?