

## Character of God: God is Wise

### Reflect

1. What characteristics do people who are considered wise display?
2. Who is someone in your life you would consider wise?
3. What value do you place on wisdom?

### Read Your Bible

- 1 Kings 3:1-15
- Proverbs 2:1-6
- Romans 11:33-36

### Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. Paul writes in Romans 11:33-36 of the depth of the wisdom and knowledge of God. What word or phrase to describe the wisdom of God jumps out to you?
2. Paul writes about God, "For from him and through him and for him are all things." Have you ever thought before about all things, including wisdom, coming from God, through God and for God? How does that affect your understanding of wisdom?
3. In Proverbs 2, King Solomon instructs his son to seek wisdom and understanding. What does Solomon say his son will discover in his pursuit?
4. In 1 Kings 3, King Solomon asks God for wisdom to lead Israel. Impressed with his request over long life and riches, God answers his prayer. In what area of your life do you feel a need to seek the wisdom of God?
5. When seeking advice and direction, who/what do you turn to?
6. Knowing that wisdom is an attribute of God, how might that effect how you seek advice and direction for your life?

## **Conclusion**

It should come as no surprise that God is wise. God is the source of everything there is after all! Being created in God's image, we too have been given the ability to access knowledge and wisdom. To gain knowledge we often read all sorts of books, look up information on Google and listen to all sorts of experts. However, to have and use knowledge *apart* from the source of all knowledge and wisdom is not wise. If you follow King Solomon's story all the way through, we learn this to be true. You see, one can have incredible knowledge about a subject, but to have wisdom on a subject requires perspective and the ability to make sound judgements about the subject. The One who has the greatest perspective on all of life matters is God. So, to experience true wisdom, we need to experience and know God, "for the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." (Proverbs 2:6) God invites us to seek Him in prayer, in scripture, in worship and in others who know and follow Him so we can grow more and more in Jesus' likeness.

## **Pray**

Heavenly Father, Your knowledge is unfathomable and Your wisdom is beyond compare. Help me turn my heart to You as I seek knowledge and wisdom in my life, so that I may come to understand the greatest knowledge there is, the truth and grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. May what knowledge and wisdom You have given me be used to love and serve You and to help others know who You are. In Jesus' name. Amen.