

## Discussion Questions for “Overlooked Wisdom: Practicing Proverbs”

1 Kings 3:16-5:18 (Reading: 4:29-5:6), Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

### Sermon Outline

A king with wisdom:

- To discern the hearts of his people (3:16-28).
- To deploy his people (4:1-19).
- To delight his people (4:20-28).
- To speak God’s Word (4:29-33).
- To gather the nations (4:34-5:18)

### Sermon Questions

1. Read Luke 24:27. Why is it *good* to see *all* of Scripture as pointing to Jesus? (The rest of today’s questions are rooted in the way that Solomon, in 1 Kings 3:16-5:18, points us to Christ. The sermon outline above will help you stay oriented.)
2. In Scriptures like John 4:16-19 and Matthew 9:4, Jesus demonstrates that – as the Son of God – He has the wisdom to discern hearts.
  - a. Why is it *encouraging* to know that Jesus can see *everything* in your heart?
  - b. But how does this also spark *conviction* in your heart?
3. Using your memory or a study tool, come up with 1-2 Scriptures that highlight the way Jesus *deploys* His people in ministry.
  - a. Why is it a *privilege* to be included in the ministry of Jesus?
  - b. What *abilities* has Jesus give you to use in His service?
  - c. Are you *using* those abilities? Is there something *new* He’s asking you to do?
4. Why are you *delighted* by Jesus?
  - a. What happens when a Christian loses this delight?
  - b. When we lose it, how can we get it back?
5. Imagine you’re in a conversation with someone who’s not a Christian. How would you explain to them that the Bible is a *reliable* way to hear from King Jesus?
6. At our church, we talk about bringing the gospel of Jesus to the nations by *praying, giving, and going*. Which of those words most stands out to you today? Why so?
7. Any other takeaways from this passage or message?