

Royal Redeemer

CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the Sermon:
*Making New Year's Resolutions
that are Accomplishable*
December 30-31, 2017



(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **Connect**
 - How do you make New Year's Resolutions that you can keep?
- **Grow** (The following text is about how Solomon made a change in his life, read the aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

⁴The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

⁶Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. ⁷"Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹²I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. ¹³Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. (1 Kings 3: 4-13)

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
 - What was Solomon's process for making a change? Did he focus on himself and his wants, or on God and His plan for Solomon's life?
 - What implications might this have for making New Year's Resolutions that you can keep?
 - Share a time when God accomplished a change in you that was clearly in line with His plans for your life.
- **Serve**
 - God's plan for you includes serving others. Who might God want to serve through you?
 - **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**