

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

I Kings 7:1-12

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite home you've lived in and why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Recap:** Take a few minutes to recall what has happened so far in I Kings? What happened in the passage immediately prior to our passage?
2. Compare and contrast Solomon's choices in building the temple and the building of his palace.
3. The author does not tell us how to interpret Solomon's choices, but does the author give us any clues to understanding Solomon's heart in the process? Why or why not?
4. Solomon's home showed off his wealth and power. What are the characteristics of Christian homes ought to embody to guests? Give an example of a household that gives off the aroma of Christ? (2 Cor. 2:15) What makes this home a welcoming home?
5. What are things we are tempted to put too much value on in our homes? How does Jesus call us use our homes for his glory and not our own?
6. What are some strategies God gives us to stay content with what we have, rather than comparing ourselves to everyone around us?
7. Take some time as a group to give thanks to God for what he has given you both materially and spiritually.