



Connect Group Study 17- Queen of Sheba

'The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now one greater than Solomon is here.'
(Matthew 12:42 NIV)

The Queen of Sheba visited King Solomon in the 10th century BC and crossed 1,200 miles of desert to see him. We know very little about her except that she had heard about Solomon and wanted to see for herself if what she had heard was true.

Consider the following questions in relation to your own life.

- **Read Matthew 12:38-42**

What is the context of Jesus' comments on the Queen of Sheba? What have the Pharisees failed to recognise?

- **Read Matthew 12:42**

How did Jesus interpret this visit? Who does Solomon represent and who does the Queen represent? How far are we prepared to travel for an encounter with Jesus?

- **Read 1 Kings 10:1-13**

The Queen of Sheba come to see Solomon to:

i) seek the Lord (v.1); ii) see for herself (v.7); iii) receive wisdom (v.6); and iv) live a life of purpose (v.13) Discuss how these reasons apply to us in our relationship with Jesus. Do we seek wisdom from Jesus or do we look elsewhere? Do we settle for a second hand experience of Jesus or are we prepared to seek him to see for ourselves?

- **Read Proverbs 3:13-20**

What are some of the rewards of finding wisdom?

- **Read James 1:5-8**

What does James teach us on receiving wisdom from God? Discuss the challenge of being double minded and second guessing what you think God has said to you.



Read 1 Kings 10:3, 9, 13

What was the outcome for the Queen of Sheba of that visit? Share an experience you have had when you have taken time to seek Jesus. What was the outcome?

Prayer: Pray that you will not settle for a second hand experience but that you will seek an encounter with Jesus for yourself.

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