

## Discussion Questions – Solomon Becomes King

Read I Kings 1:32 – 48

- Who were Solomon's parents? (David and Bathsheba)
- Whom did David call to anoint Solomon? (Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet)
- Who made Solomon ride King David's mule? (v. 38)
- Where was Solomon sent? (Gihon river)
- Who was Adonijah? And why was he afraid? (Adonijah was David's oldest living son, and he thought he was going to be king.)
- Why was Solomon made king instead of Adonijah? (David's promise to Bathsheba)
- Why was it unusual to allow Adonijah to live? (Because anyone who might be a threat to the throne should be killed. He was killed after he asked Solomon if he could marry David's nurse. Any physical association of someone with the king would suggest a desire to usurp the throne. Solomon then had Adonijah killed.)
- What did Solomon ultimately do that displeased God? (He broke the 1st commandment. I Kings 11:8-13)
- What lessons can we learn from Solomon?