

# HOPE GROUP

## STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE

### GETTING TO KNOW ME

Describe your relationship to your father—what sort of influence did he leave on you? How has his impacted your life?

Have you ever known someone who is quite advanced in years, and yet still acts foolishly or childishly? If so, what do you think could be some of the contributing factors for such behavior?

### INTO THE BIBLE

According to 1 Kings 3:7, how old was Solomon when it was given to him to rule over all of Israel?

Why might this point be especially significant, and what principle does it teach us regarding the intersection of age and maturity?

Read 1 Kings 2:1-3—What did king David command his son Solomon?

What did he mean by “be strong”? Is this directive to obtain physical strength, or is it something else? If so, in what way is he to be strong?

Last Sunday, we discussed “The Complexity of Manhood”. Discuss what is meant by that statement and what are some of the causes of confusion?

Discuss some of the characteristics of manhood discussed on Sunday.

### APPLICATION

Why do you think so many men struggle with manhood today, and what could we as individual Christians, and as a church do to help?

What do you think is the most important lesson to impart to children?