Sermon at Riverton 16 August 2015

**What would you like me to give you?** (1 Kings 3.5)

Which of these gifts would you pick?
$7.8m Lotto win, Fame, Long life, Perfect health, Happy marriage, Lack of Enemies, Steady Faith in God, Ability to make the right choices.

TEXT. Tempting to ask for something for ourselves, even if dressed up in altruism.

Would the answer be different if the offer was to this church?

Would it be different if it was made to the new Leadership Team?

Would our answer be wisdom? That was the right answer for Solomon – is it necessarily ours too?

What would Jesus say?

It could be that we are afraid to ask, for a variety of reasons:

* Not sure God will answer
* Not sure what we want
* Not sure that what we want is OK with God
* Do not want to trouble God
* Fear our faith will crumble if the answer is not ‘yes’
* Fear there may be a ‘catch’

Even so, ask God. TEXT. There is so much to gain. What have you to lose?

Ask and you shall receive.