WEEK 4 | DAVID & GENEROSITY

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Main passage: 1 Chronicles 29:1-18

Icebreaker

What is a gift or act of generosity from someone else that has stayed with you?

Overview

Near the end of his life, David prepares resources for a temple his son Solomon will build. His example invites us to dream beyond our lifetime, give sacrificially, and let God shape our hearts.

Sacrificial giving is a level of giving that affects my living.

Dream Beyond What You Can See

Read 1 Chronicles 29:1

David prepared for a temple he would never build himself. The dream was for God and for people who would come after him.

LOOK AT IT

• What did David understand about the purpose of the temple?

• Why does David invest in something Solomon will complete?

EXPLORE IT

• Why is it difficult to invest in outcomes we may never personally see?

• How does thinking about children, students, and future believers change the way we view our resources?

GO DO IT

• What is one way you can help make room for someone who is not here yet?

Commit Beyond What Is Comfortable

Read 1 Chronicles 29:3; 2 Samuel 24:24; John 3:16

David gives from his own treasures. Sacrificial generosity is willing and prayerful; it may affect how we live, but it is never a way to earn God's love.

LOOK AT IT

• What makes David's gift personal?

• What does David mean when he refuses to offer a sacrifice that costs him nothing?

EXPLORE IT

• How is sacrifice different from giving only what is left over?

• How can we balance responsible financial planning with an open-handed response to God?

GO DO IT

• What might it look like to ask God what He wants to give through you, without comparing your answer to anyone else?

Inspire Others Through Your Sacrifice

Read 1 Chronicles 29:5-9

David invites people to dedicate themselves to God. Their willing response becomes a source of shared joy.

LOOK AT IT

• What does David ask the people to do before describing their gifts?

• How do the leaders and people respond?

EXPLORE IT

• Why does generosity become more meaningful when it begins with surrender?

• Who has modeled joyful generosity for you, and what did you learn?

GO DO IT

• How could your example encourage someone else to participate in God's work?

Allow God to Change You in the Process

Read 1 Chronicles 29:17-18

David knows that God sees the heart. Generosity reveals and can reshape what we value, while our ultimate allegiance remains with God.

LOOK AT IT

• What does David say God examines?

• What does David pray will remain in the people's hearts?

EXPLORE IT

• What do our spending and giving choices reveal about our priorities?

• How might practicing generosity change our trust in God and our concern for others?

GO DO IT

• What is one practical step toward willing, thoughtful generosity you can prayerfully take this week?

Now What?

God, what do You want to give through me (or through us)?

Group Prayer

Pray for gratitude, wisdom, freedom from comparison, and willing hearts to participate in what God is doing for future generations.

On Your Own

• Day 1: 1 Chronicles 29:1-9 — Willing gifts.

• Day 2: 1 Chronicles 29:10-20 — David's prayer.

- Day 3: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 — Generosity and grace.
- Day 4: John 3:16; Romans 12:1-2 — God’s love and our response.