

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## David: The Life of a King

Week 7: Joy in Giving  
1 Chronicles 29:14-17

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What does it mean to find joy in giving? This week we're taking a look at King David's life and how he exemplified a life of giving generously.

**Kicking It Off:** Suppose you had the chance to donate a building and have it named after you — such as a sports arena, a concert hall, or an educational facility. What type of building would you choose, and where would you wish to have it built?

### Discussion:

1. Jeff described how Warren Wheaton shifted his focus from “success” to “significance.” What do you think is the real difference between these terms, and why is *significance* so important?
2. Jeff described six practical ways that King David sees giving, as shown through his prayer found in 1 Chronicles 29:14-17. Which word or phrase jumps out to you in this passage, based on the sermon?

*<sup>14</sup> “But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us! <sup>15</sup> We are here for only a moment, visitors and strangers in the land as our ancestors were before us. Our days on earth are like a passing shadow, gone so soon without a trace. <sup>16</sup> O LORD our God, even this material we have gathered to build a Temple to honor your holy name comes from you! <sup>17</sup> It all belongs to you! I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there. You know I have done all this with good motives, and I have watched your people offer their gifts willingly and joyously.” (NLT)*

3. When it comes to **stewardship**, what's our role vs. God's, in light of verse 14? How does being a wise steward of our time and treasure reflect our relationship as Christ followers?
4. If giving is an **investment**, as shown in verse 15, how does that translate into having an eternal impact? How can the Church collectively make a difference?
5. How does giving reflect a true heart of **worship**, based on what we see in verse 16?
6. When you hear the idea that giving can be **pleasing** to God, what comes to mind? How might our motives reflect our obedience and attitude on giving?
7. Why would giving being **voluntary** seem to matter? (What happens when churches and other organizations get this wrong?)
8. According to 2 Corinthians 9:7, “*God loves a cheerful giver.*” (ESV) What could possibly be so special about giving that God views it as **delightful**?

**Wrapping Up:** As a group, briefly discuss the connection between living simply and giving generously. Pray that your group members will find ways to live a life that honors God *and* helps others prosper.