

Gift Day 1000BC
1 Chronicles 29:1-28

Warm Up

Why do we give gifts to people? What is our motivation? Do you like to be extravagant in giving gifts to loved ones? What is more important, what we give or how we give?

Background and context

The passage describes one of the last things David does as part of his reign as king of Israel. He had, for many years, desired to build a temple for the Lord. However, the Lord told him he would not, as there was too much blood on his hands. Solomon would be the one to build the temple. Undeterred, David begins the process by contributing to the cost by giving from his own personal wealth, rather than taxes. It was costly. However, this sacrifice inspired others and led to the building of one of the most striking buildings in the ancient world.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



READ 1 Chronicles 29:1-28. What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand?

1. **Read v10-13.** In his prayer how does David describe God? How many descriptions can you find? What is God like according to David?
2. How can David build a house for the God he describes in his prayer? What would be good enough for God?
3. **Read v2-3.** What did David give to the project? How costly was it for him?
4. **Read v14-17.** How does David explain the motive for his giving? How might this apply to us?
5. It is interesting that this is David's final act before he dies. He is giving it all in his old age. Why do you think this is? (Think about David's life journey with God, from his humble beginnings to his reign as king).
6. **Read v6-8.** When we realise what God has done for us and how faithful he has been, what should our response be?
7. Did David benefit from his giving to build the temple? Who did benefit? How should this influence us in our decision to give to the work of God?
8. **Read v6, v9.** What was the impact of David's giving on the community of Israel?
9. **Read 1 Peter 2:4-6, Ephesians 2:19-22.** Today, Jesus **IS** the temple. His body, his church. How are we being built into "God's house"? How can we contribute to building God's Kingdom?

Discipleship and Application



10. **Read Luke 21:1-4.** What is the message of this parable and how should we apply it to ourselves?
11. Reflect on what the Lord has done in your life. Think about how you can respond to it.



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.