



The Myth of Ownership

Discussion Guide
February 11, 2018
1 Chronicles 29:1-20

Questions for Study

****Before discussing these questions, read through 1 Chronicles 29:1-20 as a group.**

1. Think of someone who stands out in your mind as a “giver” – someone characterized by generosity. What is it about this person that makes you describe them this way?
2. How do we see extravagant generosity take shape in 1 Chronicles 29:1-20? What stands out to you most from this example?
3. The giving in 1 Chronicles 29 is applied to the construction of the temple – which King David’s son, Solomon, will accomplish. In other words, David is giving to something he won’t be directly involved in. What lessons are there for us in this example? Explain your answer.
4. Look closely at 1 Chronicles 29:10-20. What do you discover there about the mindset that motivated the giving? List as many observations about David’s mindset as you can.
5. What are different obstacles people may have about giving financially? How does the mindset we read in 1 Chronicles 29 address these obstacles? (If you want to dig more deeply into motivations behind giving, read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.)
6. In the Old Testament, the “benchmark” for giving was the tithe – basically 10% of what you make. How is thinking about giving this way – in terms of a percentage of your income – different from how you’ve thought about giving in the past?
7. The New Testament talks about giving both sacrificially AND cheerfully (refer again to the 2 Corinthians 8-9 passages mentioned above). Given this, what guidelines would you recommend to someone who wants to begin applying what the Bible says about giving? (In other words, what does it look like to give sacrificially? How would you encourage someone to maintain joy in their giving?)
8. How does giving cultivate dependence on God, and remind you that ultimately, God is the owner of everything you have?
9. Review what you’ve learned from 1 Chronicles 29:1-20. What is one practical take-away from this passage you can apply to your life this week? How will you apply it?
10. **Challenge:** Memorize 1 Chronicles 29:14: ““But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”