

# Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*

Worship Guide for January 8, 2023

## Sermon Notes

### David – the Worshipping King

I Samuel 30 & 1 Chronicles 29

If you've been at Westwood for any period of time, you know our pattern and practice of working our way through whole books of the Bible - chapter-by-chapter, verse-by-verse – letting Scripture intersect and impact our lives. Accordingly, we are about to begin a study of I and II Samuel. This portion of God's Word will eventually lead us to examine the life and leadership of God's promised king of Israel, David, and ultimately lead us to God's eternal promised King – Christ Jesus.

You probably also know that occasionally it is necessary and appropriate for us to take the time to address topical needs and issues within our church family. As we approached the end of 2022, the Elders agreed that we needed to take time once again to be reminded what God has to say to us about our stewardship and generosity.

So, beginning today, we seek to do both as we take three weeks to preview of the life of David, and specifically examine some events in his life that illustrate his heart for God, his understanding of God's greatness and grace, and the generosity that flowed from that understanding. In I Chronicles 29, at the end of his life, David's understanding of God's heart and his own heart for God can be seen in his worship, his gratitude, and ultimately in his generosity. In the words of David's amazing prayer and in the example of his extraordinary giving, we see that a worshipping heart is a generous heart.

#### *The Blessing*

*Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. (v10)*

#### *The Gratitude*

*And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. (v13)*

#### *The Petition*

*O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. (v29)*

#### *The Applications*

Come to Christ – and through Him know God as your Father and worship him as you were created to do.

Experience freedom through worship. Worship realigns your heart and breaks the chains of materialism & greed.

Establish your legacy. Aging saints, like David at the end of his life, lead us by example in worship and generosity.

Parents, what are you teaching your children about God, about worship, about things – about the affections of your heart?

## Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*  
*teaching* and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom*..."

- *Colossians 3:16a*

### Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

### Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

### Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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#### Upcoming Events

**JANUARY**  
9 AHG/TLU @ 6:30 p.m.  
11 Life Group Leader's Mtg @ 6:30 p.m.  
23 GriefShare begins @ 6:30 p.m.  
25 Life Group Ldr's Mtg @ 6:30 p.m.  
26 Blood Drive (FLC) @ 10:30am-3pm  
**FEBRUARY**  
4 Sportsman's Banquet @ 6 p.m.  
8 Evangelism Class @ 6:30 p.m.  
18-20 Student Ministry Winter Retreat