

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

Worship Guide for January 15, 2023

## Sermon Notes

### **David – the Grateful King** 2 Samuel 7 & 1 Chronicles 29

We are taking three weeks to examine key moments in David's life (a preview of I & II Samuel) that illustrate his heart for God, his understanding of God's greatness and grace, and the generosity that flowed from that understanding. With all his faults and failures (they were many!), David was a generous king. In 2 Samuel, at the beginning of his reign as king, David is overwhelmed at the reality of grace – God's undeserved favor in his life. 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 grateful heart, and a grateful heart is a generous heart.

#### With David Let's Reflect on God's Majesty

*Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. 1 Chronicles 29:11*

#### With David Let's Recognize God's Grace

*Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, "Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far?" (2 Samuel 7:18)*

#### Like David Let's Respond with Thanksgiving

*And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. (1 Chronicles 29:13)*

#### Applications For Our Lives Today

The Word is where we encounter the majesty of God; we "do well" to pay attention to it and worship God for it.

The cross is where we encounter the majesty of God's grace. If you've not yet done so - come to Christ, and in Him know and receive the majesty of mercy.

Thanksgiving characterizes those saved by grace – in their declaration and their deeds.

## 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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#### JANUARY

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 @ 6:00 p.m.  
5 CentriKid Parent Meeting @ 12:00 p.m.  
8 Evangelism Class-Session 1 @ 6:30 p.m.  
18-20 Student Ministry Winter Retreat  
22 Evangelism Class-Session 2 @ 6:30 p.m.  
24 Membership Class @ 6:00 p.m.