

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*

Worship Guide for January 22, 2023

Sermon Notes

David – the Generous King

1 Samuel 30, 2 Samuel 9, 1 Chronicles 29, 1 Samuel 24
(pew Bible pgs. 251-252, 260-261, 356-358, 277-278)

We are taking three weeks to examine key events in David's life 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. His understanding of God's heart and his own heart for God can be seen in his worship, his gratitude, and ultimately, as we see today, in his generosity.

Everything we have in this world, every blessing, every gift – everything - comes from God's grace, kindness, and generosity. Doug Wilson says, "Rightly handled, a gift is never detached from the one who gave it." David understood this truth.

If, like David, we recognize and worship God in all his majesty; and if, like David, we recognize and receive the undeserved grace of God; and if, like him, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for that grace; then we will also, like David, be quick to generously extend that grace out to others and offer all we are and all we have back up to God.

The blessings of God we receive should result in us being a blessing to others.
1 Samuel 30

The kindness of God we receive should result in tangible kindness extended to others.
2 Samuel 9

The generosity of God we experience should result in generosity as an act of worship
1 Chronicles 29:1-9, 12-16

The generosity of God is best seen, eternally seen, in the cross of Calvary
1 Samuel 24:17-25

Applications

Receive the gift of God's grace – come to Christ.

The Bible allows no disconnect between grace and generosity.

Building your financial strategy on Biblical generosity and faithful stewardship is the only way to live with genuine joy and confidence.

The faithful, joyful, worshipful obedience of God's people is the means he has chosen to build his kingdom, to reach the nations with the gospel. This is where he calls us to invest. This is the only place eternal rewards & dividends will be achieved.

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.