



In the build up to our 'For Future Generations' pledge days (22nd/29th June) this series will help us consider some of the biblical framework around giving, generosity and investing for future generations.

This 2nd session stems from Steve's sermon from the 11th May. We are exploring the relationship between worship and giving, as David responds to the gifts given for the temple.

STARTER:

- 1) What is the most beautiful building you have ever seen? Why do you think this building was built?

Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-20:

Before reading, you might like to explain the context of the reading. David has been explaining his desire to build the temple (28:1-3) and unveiling the plans (28:11-19). He has revealed that God has given the work to Solomon (28:4-10 and 20-21) and then begun giving resources and treasures for this building (29:1-5). This has encouraged the leaders of the tribes to also give freely (29:6-10). David is about to die, passing these dreams on (29:26-end). Before he dies, this reading then is David's response to all this generosity.

- 2) Look at some of the words David uses to describe who God is. Are these words you tend to think of when describing God or do you choose others? Why is that?
- 3) How might this transcendent language about God affect your faith and trust in God from day to day? Does it affect your daily walk with God?
- 4) In what ways do you think our 'For Future Generations' project might help us and others recognise the majesty of God?
- 5) Why do you think David describes his and the people's relationship with God as life 'foreigners and strangers' and our days as 'like a shadow, without hope'?
- 6) Do these sentiments ever resonate with you?
- 7) In V14, David declares 'Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.'
 - a. Do you think this is true?
 - b. Do you live like this is true?
 - c. What stops us living like this is true?
 - d. What difference might believing everything comes from God make to your giving?
- 8) In what ways might our 'For Future Generations' project help us remember these truths?
- 9) Notice all the times David mentions the heart in verses 17-19. How does thinking about our heart impact both our worship, and our giving?
- 10) In what ways in our 'For Future Generations' project testing your heart?

If you haven't seen some of the current draft images of what the church might look like, you can find them in the April Parish Magazine, or by clicking the link to it on this webpage:

https://www.kpc.org.uk/Groups/441158/For_Future_Generations.aspx

And finally.

Spend some time praying for this project and our response to it before praying for any prayer requests from the group.

James Thorne, from the For Future Generations project has offered to visit groups if they'd like more information. Do contact him directly cjameslthorne@hotmail.com; 07775 705 636 if that would be helpful.