

NOTES

JOY

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1 CHRONICLES 29

Introduction

1. Rejoice in What _____
2. Rejoice in Opportunities _____
3. Rejoice in Being Part of _____
4. Rejoice in Others' _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. Icebreaker: Describe three personal possessions that give you joy. Why do personal possessions that once brought joy often lose that capacity over time?
2. The BIG IDEA behind this series is: What you do with your paycheck (or money in general) will profoundly impact the person you become. Why is that the case?
3. What is the historical context for David's prayer in I Chronicles 29? Read vv.10-14 and circle in your Bible all the phrases indicating that our wealth comes from God. Why is it natural to think that our paycheck (money) comes from ourselves? What difference would it make to see it as coming from God (multiple answers)?
4. What is your daily work (even if you are retired, a stay-at-home parent, or a student), and what skills does it put to use? Read I Corinthians 4:7. List the many ways God has prepared you for your work (e.g., skills, education, mentors, open doors, etc.). Why should this bring you joy?
5. Read I Chronicles 29:2-5. Assuming that David was not simply bragging about his personal generosity, what other motivations might have prompted him to list his contributions?
6. Read Acts 20:35. Why do you think giving brings us joy (multiple answers)? If this is true, why do we often pursue getting instead of giving?
7. Read II Corinthians 8:1-5. What are all the tell-tale signs in this passage that the Macedonian Christ followers were passionate givers? Would you call yourself a passionate giver? Explain. What keeps you from being more generous (be honest)?
8. David and Solomon built the original Temple around 950 B.C. But I Chronicles was written around 450 B.C. Why was Ezra (the likely author) retelling the story of the original Temple (i.e., what was his historical context)? What kept the people from rebuilding the Temple (two big reasons mentioned in the sermon)? What did Haggai prophesy about the rebuilt Temple (see Haggai 2:9)? How was this prophecy fulfilled?
9. Read I Corinthians 3:16. What Temple is God currently building? How does God do that? How might you participate in this project? Why would doing so give you joy?
10. Read I Chronicles 29:6, 9, 17b. Do you know who responded to David's example of generosity? Why do you think the people "rejoiced" (v.9) at the generosity of their leaders? Why is generosity contagious? What steps might you take to become a more generous and consistent giver?