

SERMON NOTES Sunday 1 February

sunnysidechurch

Bible passages: 1 Chronicles 29.1-20; 2 Corinthians 8 and 9

Introduction

- Reading comes at end of King David's life: not going to be the one who builds the Temple but plays his part
- Once completed task, leads the people in praising God

Giving and Generosity

1. What we give: everything we have comes from God

- Overwhelming generosity of God, above all in his gift of Jesus
- God made us stewards of all he has given us

2. Why we give: part of our worship of God

- Worship is our response to what God has done for us
- Giving demonstrates our trust in God to provide for us

3. How we give: willingly and with honest intent

- How we give is what makes it an act of worship
- God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9.7)

Conclusion

- David invested in building God's house which he knew he would never see completed. Solomon continued the work begun by others. Both vital; how are we being invited to be part of God's work in this place
- Sunnyside vision: to be recognised as a Christ-centred community of living faith which seeks to make Jesus known to others.

Some questions to discuss

1. Can you think of a time when God provided for you in ways you didn't anticipate?
2. Read 1 Chronicles 29.1-20. What do you notice?
3. In what ways does the reminder that everything we have comes from God change how we see what we have?
4. Do you see your giving of your time and money as part of your worship of God?
5. How might knowing that trust and generosity enrich our relationship with God affect our choices?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 8 and 9. In what ways does Paul's letter deepen your understanding of David's hymn of praise?
7. Is there one thing that you are taking away from these passages? Is there something you need to do in response? It might be something to pray about, something to think more about, something God wants you to talk to someone about or something he wants you to do. Make a note of it so you don't forget!

'Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.' (1 Chronicles 29.13)

Why not spend some time thanking God for his generosity towards you and ask him to show you how you might worship him through all he has given you?

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