



Our Shared Home, Our Shared Future | 1 Chronicles 29:14–20

On Sunday, we celebrated God's provision of our new church building and reflected on our shared responsibility for its future. Drawing on David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29, we were reminded that everything we have comes from God, that generosity flows from a willing heart, and that we have the privilege of investing in God's work for generations to come.

1. Thinking about our new church building, what have you particularly appreciated or been encouraged by over the past six months? Are there ways you've already seen God at work through it?

Everything Comes From God | 1 Chronicles 29:14–16

2. What strikes you about David's attitude towards the gifts that have been brought? How does recognising that everything comes from God change the way we think about what we own?
3. We were encouraged to remember what we've received before considering what we might give. What are some of the things God has entrusted to us, beyond our money? How might gratitude shape the way we use these gifts?

Giving From A Willing Heart | 1 Chronicles 29:17–18 & 2 Corinthians 9:6–8

4. What similarities do you notice between David's prayer and Paul's teaching about generosity? What do these passages tell us about the kind of giving that pleases God?
5. Chris reminded us that our giving is a response to God's grace, rather than something we do to earn his favour. Why is that distinction important? What helps us to approach generosity with joy rather than guilt or a sense of obligation?
6. David prays that the people's willingness will continue (v.18). Why do you think it can be harder to sustain generosity and commitment over time than to respond enthusiastically to a particular need or project? What helps us remain faithful?

Investing In A Future We May Never See | 1 Chronicles 29:19-20 & Psalm 78:4–7

7. What do these passages teach us about our responsibility towards future generations? Who are some of the people whose faithfulness and generosity have helped make your own journey of faith possible? How was their giving ultimately an expression of worship (v20)?
8. We were encouraged to think beyond simply maintaining a building, towards the people who might encounter Jesus through the life and ministry of our church. What would you love to see God doing through Christchurch Baptist Church in the years ahead? How can we contribute to making that possible?
9. Spend some time prayerfully considering how we might contribute to the church's ongoing ministry and financial responsibilities. What does it mean to make our giving a genuine part of our discipleship? How can we encourage one another to be generous with our money, time and gifts, while recognising that everyone's circumstances are different?