



# WOODLAND HEIGHTS

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## Live Generously: The ABC's of a Kingdom Focused Life Part #1 – Attitude of Gratitude

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### Small Group Discussion Guide on 1 Chronicles 29:10-14

#### Woodland Heights Christian Church Core Value Connection

This sermon aligns with the core value of **Biblical Worldview** at Woodland Heights Christian Church. We believe that it is critical to live your life with a worldview that Christ-centered and built upon the foundation of the Word of God. This will lead, guide, and direct you in all seasons of your life for the glory of God.

This opening message in the Live Generously: The ABC's of a Kingdom Focused Life series anchors us in a Biblical worldview that sees all of life – time, talent, and treasure – through the lens of God's Kingdom rather than earthly success. As we walk with David in 1 Chronicles 29, we learn that a true attitude of gratitude flows from a heart that knows God as Owner, King, and Provider, and responds with joyful, willing generosity.

#### Section 1 – ENCOUNTER

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##### Observing God's Word

Picture a person standing at the end of a long year – bills stacked on the table, headlines shouting bad news, a heart weary from worry – yet choosing to pause, look back, and say, “Lord, thank You.” That single decision shifts the atmosphere, not because the circumstances vanish, but because the heart remembers the Giver behind every good gift. That is the posture of an attitude of gratitude that opens the door to living generously in every season.

Start your study by anchoring yourself in Scripture. Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-14 as a group, family, or individual, letting God's Word sink in.

##### Core Questions

- What words or phrases in the passage stand out as descriptions of God's character (for example: His generosity, faithfulness, or kindness)?
- What images, commands, or promises in this text help you see gratitude as a way of life?
- If you had to summarize the passage in one sentence, what would you say it teaches about gratitude and generosity?

#### Section 2 – EXPLORE

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In this sermon, it opens the Live Generously series by showing that generosity begins long before a gift is given; it begins with a heart transformed by God's grace. Gratitude looks back at what God has done, looks around at what God has provided, and looks ahead with trust in what God

will do. Knowing all of this, let's unpack the Big Idea—"Your Attitude Always Affects Your Action, Bringing Either Reward or Ruin"—with questions that connect the message's three convictions to our hearts and habits. Discuss these as a group or reflect on them personally.

### **Conviction #1 – Christ-Centered Gratitude Fixes Your Focus (v. 10)**

David begins not by praising his leadership or Israel's generosity but by blessing the Lord, lifting his eyes to God's greatness as the true Giver and Father who reigns forever. The sermon describes this as one of the greatest "attitude adjustments" in Scripture, inviting believers to trade the "Disease of Me" for a Christ-centered attitude that echoes John's declaration, "He must become greater; I must become less."

- In verse 10, how does starting with praise to God—not self—challenge the way you usually talk about your successes, resources, or opportunities?
- The sermon notes that a Kingdom-focused attitude benefits your life, reshapes how you view life, and instills an eternal perspective. Which of these three effects do you need most right now, and why?
- How does the "Disease of Me" illustration mirror temptations in your own heart, family, or church life, and what would it look like to choose a different attitude this week?

### **Conviction #2 – Gratitude Grows When You Recognize God's Ownership (v. 11-12)**

David piles up titles—greatness, power, glory, victory, majesty—and then grounds them in one sweeping confession: "For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours," teaching that we are stewards, not owners. The sermon explains that when we grasp this truth, our outlook shifts from anxiety to adoration, from control to surrender, and from doubt to trust, freeing us to "live generously" with what God has placed in our hands.

- How does David's statement "all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours" confront the way our culture talks about "my money," "my career," or "my stuff"?
- The sermon says that realizing God's ownership both humbles our hearts and calms our fears. Which do you need more today—humbling or calming—and why?
- If you truly believed that every resource, position, and opportunity is from God's hand, how might that change the way you plan, spend, give, or serve this month?

### **Conviction #3 – Wisdom Prompts You to Praise with a Thankful Heart (v. 13-14)**

As David's prayer reaches its peak, gratitude erupts: he thanks God, praises His glorious name, and admits that every offering the people present is simply giving back what already belongs to the Lord. The sermon reminds us that authentic Christians live with an ongoing attitude of gratitude, regularly asking, "Lord, what do You want me to do with Your time, talent, and treasure that You have entrusted to me?"

- How does David's humility in verse 14—"who am I, and what is my people...?"—contrast with a spirit of entitlement or bitterness that can creep into our hearts?
- The sermon quotes C. S. Lewis and Jim Elliot to highlight that those who think most of eternity make the greatest impact on earth. How might an eternal mindset reshape your daily decisions, especially in the areas of giving and serving?
- Where do you sense God inviting you to move from casual thankfulness to a deeper lifestyle of praise and generous obedience?

## Section 3 – EMBRACE

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### Applying God's Word

Go deeper into the Word of God by applying what you've learned to your life today. Reflect on these action steps and discuss how you can live out the truths from 1 Chronicles 29:10–14 as part of the Live Generously series.

#### ***Examine Your Attitude***

Take time this week to honestly evaluate your current attitude toward your resources, opportunities, and relationships.

- Write down one area where the “Disease of Me” has crept in—comparison, entitlement, pride, or self-promotion—and one specific step you will take to adopt a Christ-centered attitude of gratitude instead (for example, daily thanksgiving or encouraging others).

#### ***Acknowledge God's Ownership***

Prayerfully walk through your schedule, spending, or list of responsibilities and say out loud, “Lord, this belongs to You,” over each major category—time, job, family, finances, talents.

- Identify one concrete way you will live as a steward rather than an owner this week: perhaps setting aside a gift, volunteering your skills, or using your position to serve others instead of yourself.

#### ***Practice Joyful Generosity***

Ask the Lord, “How do You want me to use Your time, talent, and treasure to make a Kingdom impact right now?” and listen for specific nudges—toward a person, ministry, or need.

- Choose one intentional act of generosity—financial, relational, or practical—for someone who cannot repay you, and share with others how this step affected your heart and your view of God's provision.

#### ***Memorize and Reflect***

Memorize the sermon's memory verse, 2 Corinthians 4:18 (HCSB): “So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

- Throughout the week, repeat this verse when you face material pressures or worries, asking God to fix your focus on the unseen Kingdom and to grow an attitude of gratitude that looks beyond the temporary.

### Closing Challenge and Prayer

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As a group, pray for one another to live out the three convictions of a Kingdom-focused life—fixing your focus on God, recognizing His ownership, and praising Him with a thankful heart—so that your attitude and actions reflect the generosity of Christ.

- Which area do you sense the Lord highlighting most for you right now—your attitude, your view of ownership, or your practice of generosity?