

Nov 2/25 A Heart That Knows the King – 1 Chron 29:10-20

Leader's Guide

1. Can you recall a time in your life when you were brought to a “place of clarity” — a moment when you realized your dependence on God in a new way? What did that experience teach you about God or yourself? How can such moments become opportunities to learn dependence on God?

Encourage openness, not just dramatic stories — this might include a health scare, loss, or a smaller realization about control.

2. David had power and success but learned humility through failure and loss. How does leading with humility look different from leading with pride?

Invite reflection on the difference between false humility (“I’m nothing”) and true humility (acknowledging dependence on God). David didn’t stop leading — but he led under the authority of the true King.

3. David acknowledges, “We are strangers before you and sojourners.” What does it mean to live as a sojourner in God’s world — especially when it comes to how we view land, home, and hospitality?

All we “own” belongs to God, and we are simply stewards of it. The “Dish With One Spoon” is a living example of shared stewardship. Try to avoid being derailed by politics for this question, and press into what it means for us personally – what does it mean for our personal lives to be stewards of our homes and our nation? How do we reflect God’s grace and mercy in it?

4. David acknowledges that even his best gifts to God come from God’s own hand. How does this change the way we think about giving, serving, or doing “good things” for God?

Emphasize grace — our good works are a response, not a transaction. Contrast this with the tendency to “bargain” with God (as the sermon mentioned). Ask: How can we cultivate gratitude rather than pride in our spiritual lives?.

5. David prays that God would give Solomon “a whole heart.” What does a “whole heart” look like in a follower of Christ today? What fractures or distractions might keep our hearts divided?

Encourage reflection on idols or divided loyalties that compete for our devotion. Close by reminding the group that sanctification is God’s ongoing work in us — forming us into a temple of the Spirit.

6. David’s prayer moves from brokenness to praise. How does worship — especially praise — help us reorient ourselves when we’re aware of our own weakness or sin?

Remind the group that David’s psalms often move from lament to praise — honesty and hope belong together. You can read Psalm 13 as a short reflection on this.