



Sunday Sept 30th 2018

We. Because. He.

You can be Generous

2 Corinthians 8v1-15

● **We. Because. He.**

● **Who is God (and what is he doing)?**

● **Complete allegiance?**

● **Who will dedicate themselves to the Lord? (1 Chronicles 29)**

● **A wholehearted response means...**

⇒ **Knowing everything is the Lord's (v10-16)**

⇒ **We can only dedicate what is already his (v14-16)**

⇒ **God is concerned with our hearts first (v17)**

⇒ **The people's giving speaks for their hearts (v17)**

⇒ **This is God's ongoing work - so pray (v18-19)**

- **Building a house that will last forever**

- **God's grace to us (2 Corinthians 8v1-15)**

- **An encouraging example (v1-5)**

- **Now it's your turn (v6-15)**

 - ⇒ **God is concerned with our hearts first (v8)**

 - ⇒ **The people's giving speaks for their hearts (v9)**

 - ⇒ **This is God's ongoing work—so pray (v10-15)**

- **Dedicate yourself to God...and act**

Growth group questions



You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

1. What most struck you from the passages or talk?
2. Read 1 Chronicles 29v1-19 again. Is there any particular section or verse that particularly stands out to you? Why?
3. Does knowing and understanding God's sovereignty make the idea of giving easier or more difficult for you? Why?
4. At first glance, verse 15 seems different in focus from the rest of the passage. Why do you think David says this? What does it help us to see?
5. In verse 17-18, what is God's part in our giving? When we, as a church, trust God for our finances, how should we expect him to work?
6. Do you think it is fair to link the 'loyalty' of our hearts to the Lord, with our giving? Is that what this passage is doing?
7. Look at 2 Corinthians 8v7. What might it mean to 'excel' in the grace of giving? What practical advice do v8-15 give us?
8. Look at v8 again. How are we to see our 'riches' and how are they to inspire us?

Spend some time praying that we would each know how we might be obedient to the Lord.