

Live For Today, Build for Tomorrow

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1 Chronicles 28:3

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

David wanted to build the temple more than anything, and God told him no. His son would build it instead. Pastor Matt pointed out what David did with that no. He could have spent the rest of his life mourning it. Instead, he spent his final years gathering materials, gold, silver, stone, and plans, for a building he would never see. That is legacy. It is spiritual before it is financial, and faithfulness matters more than seeing the result. One more turn: under the new covenant, the temple is not a building in Jerusalem. It is a body filled by the Spirit. It is you.

To get started

- What did someone build or start that you have benefited from without ever meeting them?

Looking back at the message

Being told no by God is the emotional core. Do not rush past it.

- 1 David was told he would not get to build the thing he most wanted to build. How do you imagine that no landed on him?
- 2 Pastor Matt said David could have built the temple, but God might not have filled it. What is the difference between building something and God filling it?
- 3 Pastor Matt talked about being the first in his family to do a number of things, and what being first costs. What are you the first at, and what has it cost? OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read 1 Chronicles 28:2-3 and 29:1-5 aloud.

- 4 Read 1 Chronicles 28:2-3. What had David intended to do, and what reason does God give for the no?
- 5 Read 1 Chronicles 29:2-5. After hearing no, what does David actually do with his time and his money?
- 6 Read 1 Corinthians 6:19. Where does the New Testament say the temple is now?
- 7 David gathered, and Solomon built. What does it change about your work to know someone else might be the one who finishes it? OPTIONAL

Bringing it home

Not everyone has children. Legacy is broader than that; keep it broad.

- 8 What are you working on right now that you may never see finished?
- 9 Pastor Matt said to fight the battles now so your kids do not have to fight the same ones. What battle are you fighting that someone after you will not have to?
- 10 Where have you received a no from God that you are still holding onto?
- 11 If legacy is spiritual before it is financial, what are you actually leaving behind? OPTIONAL

The group together

Legacy for people without descendants is the question worth asking here.

- 12 If someone has no children, what does legacy mean for them?
- 13 Who is coming behind this group, and what are we actually handing them?
- 14 Who in your life is already benefiting from something you started and does not even know it?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

What would you be willing to gather materials for, knowing you would not see it built?

You might pray about

- For those carrying a no from God that still stings
- For faithfulness without seeing the result
- For the generation coming behind us
- For work that outlasts the person doing it