

## WHEN WE PRAY

### INTRO

- What's the most memorable gift you've ever received (big or small), and why did it mean so much to you?

Prayer is more than words—it's an invitation to encounter God & be transformed. We've been exploring powerful, heartfelt prayers from both the Old and New Testaments. Each prayer reveals a posture of the heart that not only moves God to act but shapes us in the process.

*When We Pray* is a call to deepen our prayer life & rediscover the kind of praying that moves God and changes everything—beginning with us.

### READ

1 Chronicles 29:3  
1 Chronicles 29:10-19  
1 Chronicles 29:26-28

In his final public prayer, David pours out his heart in worship—lifting God's name high, confessing that all belongs to Him, and entrusting both his people and his son Solomon into God's care.

[Leaders: Use the questions below as a guide, not a checklist]

### REFLECT & RESPOND

1. Acknowledging God's Sovereignty and Generosity (vv. 10–14)

"Prayer doesn't begin with us; it begins with God. It doesn't start with speaking; it starts with seeing."  
— Tyler Staton, *Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools*

David begins not with requests but with praise: "Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory..." He knew that everything he had—success, resources, even life itself—came from God's hand.

*Qu: Think of one experience from David's life that shaped how he understood God's sovereignty*

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*and generosity. Which story comes to mind, and what does it teach us about trusting God?"*

2. Consecration: Willing and Joyful Giving (vv. 15–17)

David gave from his own treasures and then called the people to consecrate themselves. When the leaders and people responded with generosity, David recognized their giving as more than just material support—it was a reflection that their hearts truly belonged to God.

*Qu: How does remembering "everything comes from God" reshape the way we hold our possessions?*

*Qu: Why do you think David interpreted the people's generosity as a sign of their hearts being loyal to the Lord?*

3. Wholehearted Devotion: Living for God's Glory (vv. 18–19)

David's final prayer was twofold: that the people's hearts would stay loyal to God, and that Solomon would serve with wholehearted devotion—because David knew the need for undivided hearts to live faithfully.

David's final request was for Solomon to have an "uncluttered and focused heart" (MSG) to follow God faithfully.

*Qu: What are some distractions or "clutter" in your life that keep you from wholehearted devotion?*

*Qu: If someone described your faith in one sentence, what would you want it to be?*

### PRAY

Close by praying together, using David's prayer as a guide:

- Begin with praise for God's greatness and sovereignty.
- Thank Him for His generosity in your life.
- Pray for hearts that are consecrated and willing.

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- Ask for wholehearted devotion—for yourself, your family, and your church.
- Pray for the next generation, that they would walk faithfully with God.

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