



HOME GROUP GUIDE

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Planting Trees You'll Never Sit Under — 1 Chronicles 22

About this guide: This guide is provided to assist your Home Group in discussion and application of the most recent sermon. This guide provides direction for application-based discussion within a small group as well as discussion material. **Please know that the guide is not designed with the intent that every question be answered systematically.** Feel free to pick and choose the questions that fit your group and structure your time together using the guide to maximize your group's benefit.

Notice organization of the guide: Looking Back, Looking Up and Looking Forward. "Looking Back" is the time for the group to consider how the last week or two has gone, to share about struggles and victories. Consider choosing one or two items from this section to answer.

"Looking Up and Looking Forward" is a time to discuss the sermon and how the group might further apply the truth of God's Word, making specific plans individually and as a group to walk by faith in the week to come. This is also a time to encourage each other, minister to each other and pray for each other. Try to choose a couple elements from this section.

The guide also contains a family discipleship section with a few ideas on how to intentionally engage in following the Lord as a family.

Looking Back:

- Share how you have been doing since you last met:
 - What biblical truths have been shaping your life and heart over the last week or so?
 - What has dominated your prayer life this week?
 - What was a "win" in your life this last week (something that happened that resulted in thankfulness, a moment of spiritual growth or victory, an answered prayer, etc.)?
 - What was the biggest challenge in your life this last week? Is there anything that you need to share with your Home Group in the form of confession?
- With whom were you able to begin to build a gospel bridge of conversation since the last time we met? With whom were you able to share the gospel message?
- How can the group help you this next week?

Looking Up and Looking Forward (specific, realistic, measurable, personal)

Read 1 Chronicles 22.

1. What does the concept of "planting trees you will never sit under" mean?
 - How do you see this idea displayed in 1 Chronicles 22?
 - How did David respond to God telling David that he would not be the one to build the temple of God? What were David's next steps?
 - When you read this story, is it easier for you to focus on what David did not get to do (build the temple), or what David did get to do (prepare the way for the building of the temple?)

2. Have you ever seen this idea of “planting trees you will never sit under” play out in your own life?
 - Talk about a time when you wanted to be directly involved in work you saw the Lord doing but it was clear the Lord was directing you to play a role of support or preparation.
 - What was your response?
3. Think about the “next step” you identified over the past few weeks during the Living Generously series.
 - How does your next step prepare the way for a future generation to know and follow the Lord?
 - What lengths are you willing to personally take on a daily basis that are future-minded, leveraging what you have now (time, talents, treasures and testimony) for future generations? Does it seem worth it?
 - Does the way you use your time, unique gifts/talents, your money and your story line up with what you say is important? If not, what can change?
 - How can your Home Group encourage one another to walk in obedience to the next steps you have committed to?

Don't forget:

1. Pray for one another. Share one specific prayer request you need your group to pray each day until you meet again.
2. Pray for each of our campuses: the Georgetown Campus — Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and the Liberty Hill Campus at 11:00 a.m.

Family Discipleship Ideas (Deuteronomy 6:5–7):

When you wake: Each morning, read one set of the verses below and talk about what each verse says about God's heart for giving:

- Psalm 119:36
- Proverbs 11:24–25
- Galatians 5:22–23
- Luke 21:1–4

Before you sleep: As you tuck your children into bed at night, go a little deeper into 1 Chronicles 22. You could bit-by-bit read this story all week. Some talking points could be:

- How do you think King David felt about not getting to build God's temple? How did he respond to it?
- Let's pretend you are going to build a building for God's Holy Spirit to dwell in on earth. Tell me all about your temple. What's it made of? What colors? How big? Did you know that God tells us in 1 Corinthians 6:19 that OUR bodies are the temple for the Spirit of God?
- David shows us that we should give regardless of if it benefits us or not. What are some ways we can give now that don't have immediate benefits? How have we benefited from ways others have given?

When you sit down: Read in 1 Chronicles 22 that although King David would not be the one to build the temple, he did prepare for the temple. He wanted the Lord to have nothing less than a glorious place for His dwelling on earth. This week, you will lead your family through prayer asking God to show the way to His greater graces.

Read Psalm 119:36: Father, you set the first and greatest example of generosity beyond selfish desires by giving of Your Son for a people who are at war with You. You gained nothing, and gave everything. Highlight in our hearts ways we give for selfish gain. And give us a heart of a cheerful giver.

Read Proverbs 11:24–25: Lord, teach us that the tighter we grasp, the less we hold. Open our hands to give to You freely, and prepare our hearts for Your promised gifts of righteousness.

Read Galatians 5:22–23: By letting go of trust in the things of this world, You promise we grow in Your Holy Spirit. Today we pray for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Read Luke 21:1–4: Lord, You love a cheerful giver! You desire that we give not of our excess, but to our sacrifice. Show our family what it means for us to give sacrificially. We pray that You will show us simply our next step in following You, and we will follow faithfully.

Along the way: As you drive to and from drop-offs and pick-ups, here are some conversation starters to engage your kids with.

- When God looks at the giving aspect of our family, where might He have us grow?
- What are some ideas of how your children can give (regardless of age)? Start a brainstorming conversation as you drive this week.
- Issue a challenge: I'd like for us to start giving our time, talent, treasure and testimony to the Lord this week. Whatever amount of time or treasure you give, I will match you! (You give \$4, I'll give \$4 to make it \$8. Or, if you give 15 minutes of your time to help at church, I will too!)