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## **Study Questions**

*For This Purpose I Live*

### **God Owns It All**

1 Chronicles 29:10-19

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#### **Opening Discussion**

1. Is it possible to become complete in Christ without addressing the issue of how we handle money? Why or why not?
2. The Bible continually speaks of two paths we can travel in life. Basically that's a reference to two competing value systems. Define the two value systems.

What is at the core of each?

3. Is how we handle our money a reflection of the value system we embrace? Why or why not?

#### **Bible Study**

1. Often we tend to think the problems, the challenges and the sacrifices people made in the days of the Old Testament were radically different from what we face today.

Read 1 Chronicles 22:5; 28:10, 20; 29:1. Was the building of the temple as overwhelming to them as our campaign seems to us?

What does it mean for each of us to "be courageous and act?"

2. What was the response of the people according to 1 Chronicles 29:9, 14, and 17?
3. What did David and the people understand to be true according to 1 Chronicles 29:10-17?

In what way did those beliefs affect their giving?

4. When we choose not to trust God with our money it is because we don't believe what David said is true. What is the alternative to what David has to say?

Go through each of David's statements about God and identify the alternative belief.

*Example: If God isn't powerful, who is? If God doesn't own it all who does? etc.*

5. Can we really believe in the truth of what David said and yet not trust God with our money? Why or why not?

Does what we do with our money ultimately reveal what we believe? Why or why not?

## **Application**

1. Many at LBC believe what David says is true of God and have responded both willingly and joyfully to the challenge of the *Purpose* campaign. Share with the group how those steps of faith have affected your life this past year.

How has your relationship with God grown?

How has your giving affected your focus?

How has your decision affected your faith?

How has your giving affected your joy?

2. What one thing might you, as givers, say to those who are still struggling to take that step of faith?

(It would be very helpful to know your answer to this question. If someone in the group would email me the answers to this question, I would be very appreciative. They can be anonymous if you prefer. Please send the responses to [bclark@lincolnberean.org](mailto:bclark@lincolnberean.org).)