

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



September 20, 2026

I. A Call to Worship

One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Ownership

Everything we have belongs to the Lord. We are not owners, but stewards. We surrender our possessions to God and choose to manage them according to His heart, priorities, and purposes.

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” Psalms 24:1

III. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Bring this tithe to eat before the Lord your God at the place he shall choose as his sanctuary; this applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn of your flocks and herds. The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB)



IV. Week 2: Ownership
Pastor Nick Preston

Guiding Principle of Kingdom Economics:

A STEWARD MANAGES WHAT BELONGS TO THE OWNER ACCORDING TO THE OWNER'S INTENT, PRIORITIES, VALUES AND HEART.

1 Chronicles 29: 5-18: AN EXPLOSION OF GENEROSITY

LESSON 1: BECAUSE GOD OWNS IT ALL — WE GIVE WILLINGLY

Now, who is willing to consecrate themselves to the Lord today?" Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly...All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. v. 5-6; 17

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion... - 2 Corinthians 9:7

LESSON 2: BECAUSE GOD OWNS IT ALL — WE GIVE JOYFULLY

The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly. - v. 9
God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7

LESSON 3: BECAUSE GOD OWNS IT ALL — WE GIVE GRATEFULLY

Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor...Everything in heaven and earth is yours...Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things...Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. v. 10-13

LESSON 4: BECAUSE GOD OWNS IT ALL — WE GIVE GENEROUSLY

But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you and we have given you only what comes from your hand. - v. 14

THE GENEROSITY PATHWAY



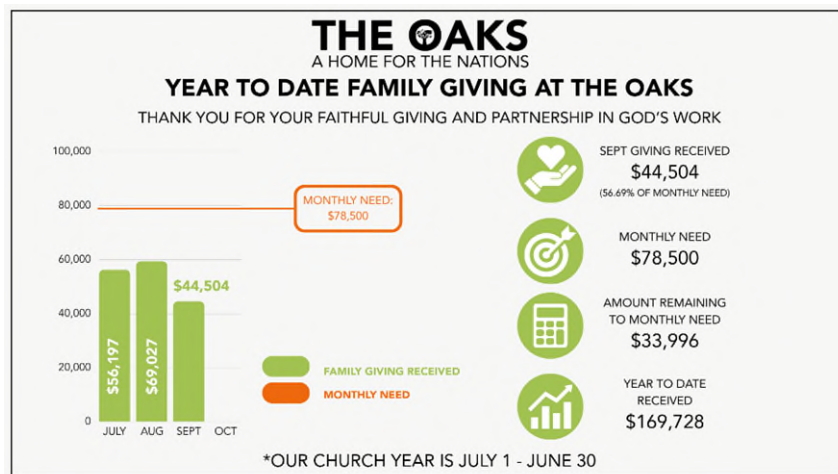
Community Group Questions:

Read Together: 1 Chronicles 29:5–17

1. **Read 1 Chronicles 29:11–12.** What does it mean to you that everything belongs to God?
2. **Read 1 Chronicles 29:5–6.** Why do you think God cares about our **willingness** when we give?
3. **Read 1 Chronicles 29:9.** What can help us give **joyfully** rather than out of obligation?
4. **Read 1 Chronicles 29:13.** How does **gratitude** change the way we view what we have?
5. **Read 1 Chronicles 29:14.** How does remembering that everything comes from God affect our **generosity**?
6. **Read Deuteronomy 14:23.** How can giving help teach us to put God first?
7. **Read 2 Corinthians 9:6–8.** What is one way God may be inviting you to live with more **generosity and open hands** this week?

Closing Thought:

From His hand. Into my hand. Back to Him.



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