

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

These questions are for the **June 19, 2016** sermon, "Directional Wisdom." Please read the sermon passage (1 Chronicles 28:9-21) together out loud. Today we observed Father's Day.

Sermon Outline:

Directional wisdom involves . . .

1. **Prioritizing the will of God** (9-10)
 - A. A father instructs his son to know God with a whole ("undivided") heart.
 - B. A father communicates strength and courage, especially in times of transition.
2. **Prioritizing the Word of God** (11-19)
 - A. As you think about your future, you necessarily lay out plans. Aim at His goals.
 - B. Submit yourself to the dreams that God makes evident to you. And conversely,
 - C. Release yourself from your own dreams and plans about your future.
3. **Prioritizing the Work of God** (20-21)
 - A. God has good work for you to do. Believe this!
 - B. A parent who knows that God is at work raises confident kids who attempt great things.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: David longed to build the Temple; God said, "No." In order to be obedient, David had to be willing to accept God's "No." Have you experienced a time in your life when God would not allow you to do something that seemed very good? How did you respond to that? What did onlookers in that situation learn from God's "No" to you?
2. Based on #1, above: Times of transition often place responsibility in the lap of new or younger people. Courage comes not from fearlessness, but from faith in God. How have you faced a transition in your life where you had to believe that God was with you, even though your natural tendency was fear?
3. Based on #2, above: While David accepted God's "No," he still acquired all the resources Solomon would need to build the Temple. How are you preparing your children with resources that can be used for God's glory? How are you praying for your children? What can you do to better prepare them for the day when you are not there?
4. Based on #2, above: Is God's Word the highest authority in your life? How is that manifested in your day-to-day living? Do you think your children see and understand the role God's Word has in your life? Why or why not? How can you improve in allowing God's Word to reign over you?
5. Based on #3, above: If you accomplish one thing for the kingdom of God, in obedience to the will and Word of God, what would that be? How are you doing?