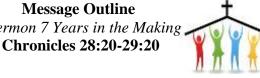
A Sermon 7 Years in the Making

1 Chronicles 28:20-29:20



Intro: A sermon to speak on the current building proposal...

- July 1, 2012: Our first Sunday together...fireworks, fears, infancy ©
- Our first text together: 1Chron.28-29...
 - 1) Transition in Leadership (28:5ff.)
 - 2) "young and inexperienced" (29:1)
- A text that still speaks to us today...

Read: 1 Chronicles 28:20-29:20

28:20—Strength and courage possible because of the Lord's presence...

- "God will not fail you or forsake you, until ALL the work for the service of the house of the Lord is finished."—a word for us?!!
 - -Work just begun! Foundations laid in last 7 years need built upon!
 - -A look at the numbers...

v.21—Not a one man mission...

- Gifts and skills seen firsthand at FUMC...
- God's house not a place to sit but to serve!

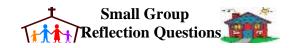
29:1-5a—David gives BIG...and he won't even see the final return on his investment!!!

- Seven years to build the Temple...a project David will never see come to fruition...
- A lesson from Mary Cooper...

v.5b-9—The people's response...

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a) They	gave	W		

- b) They gave F_
- c) They gave with a W_____ H__
 - God reads hearts just as much as accounts!!!
 - -(illus) The widows mite (Lk.21)...
- v.9-20—A prayer of realization...all we have is ultimately God's.
 - Our joy is seeing our role in relation to Him!



(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

Read: Genesis 1-2—Creation *What does this text say about God? What does it say about me/humanity?

*What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?

*This week's sermon topic was a look back 7 years ago. What are some of your best memories of this church in your history of attendance?

*What do you say to others about this place when they find out where you go to church?

*What gifts or skills has God given you that you have not shared with His church yet? Is He calling you to get involved differently going forward?

*David encouraged Solomon during an uncertain transition with God's presence and people's service (28:20-21). In what ways has God's presence and people's service helped you in uncertain days?