Prodigal Building 1 Chronicles 29:1-19

As a leader, you can expect to lead some who are more resourceful than you, some who are more skilled than you and some who are more creative than you. But you should not expect anyone to be more ______ than you. As a leader, you set that bar.

Discussion 1. In any "building project" (organization, business, family, church, etc.), what happens when others are more committed to it than the leader(s)? How have you seen a leader demonstrate his/her commitment to a project? Give examples.

One of the ways we know we are building something WITH God is that He begins all around us to extravagantly commit themselves and their resources to the project. It is one difference between a good idea and a God idea.

Discussion 2. Have you ever seen a community of people who felt mobilized by God to take on something big or even extraordinary? Have you ever been a part of one? If so, what motivated you to give of yourself?

The key to being an extravagant giver is understanding at the heart level that God has been an extravagant giver to me. Nothing is mine. Not even the extravagance itself.

Discussion 3. What are some examples of God's extravagance in the world around us? How can you develop more discipline in thanking God for his extravagance? Why do you think we often take it for granted?

What makes extravagant giving either a good thing or a bad thing is not the quantity nor the quality of the thing given...it is the ______ behind the gift. As always, God measures the heart more than He measures the gift itself.

Discussion 4. Can you think of a time or circumstance when God changed the desire of your heart? Do you ever pray that way? Do you ever pray that for others?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?