

Kingdom Builders



Discussion and Prayer Guide

How to Use This Guide

Each week you'll find space for sermon notes, a group discussion guide for your Aletheia group, and suggested ways to pray for that week.



Week 1: When God Asks for Everything

Sermon Notes

Group Discussion Guide

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

To maintain a healthy group, focus on four key components: Word, prayer, relationships, and outreach. This guide will help you study a biblical passage through observation, interpretation, and application. As you explore Genesis 12:1–3 and 22:1–18, keep in mind this week’s big idea: God builds His Kingdom through people who trust Him completely—even when the cost is high and the outcome is unseen.

CONNECT

Share about a time when you felt called to give up something valuable or step into the unknown, trusting in a promise or outcome you couldn’t fully see. What helped you take that step?

INTRODUCTION

In Genesis 12:1–3 and 22:1–18, we see God’s call to Abraham to leave everything for a promise, culminating in the ultimate test of surrender—offering Isaac. Abraham, though imperfect, responds with radical obedience, unlocking God’s provision and blessings for generations. This partnership shows how faith-filled surrender leads to legacy, pointing to Jesus who gave everything so we can know the Father.

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: Genesis 12:1-3

Discuss:

- God tells Abraham to leave his country, people, and family for a land He will show him (v. 1). What does this reveal about the nature of God’s calls, and why might Abraham’s response of obedience be challenging?
- God promises to bless Abraham and make him a blessing to all nations (vv. 2-3). How does this show God’s invitation to partner in His Kingdom, and what does it teach about the link between surrender and generational impact?

Read: Genesis 22:1-18

Discuss:

- God tests Abraham by asking him to sacrifice Isaac (v. 2). What does this show about the depth of trust God requires, and how does Abraham’s willingness demonstrate that faith is trusting God with what we love most?
- The angel stops Abraham, and God provides a ram (vv. 12-13). How does this address the high cost of obedience, and what does Abraham’s story model for us in partnering with God? How does this story point to Christ?
- What was the ultimate impact of Abraham’s partnership with God?

APPLICATION

- Identify something in your life that feels like “everything” God might be asking you to surrender. How can you shift from calculating risks to listening in prayer, trusting His provision like Abraham?
- Where are you holding back in generosity or commitment? Reflect on how starting with surrender, not money, can lead to blessing—consider the Next Generation goal as investing in future faith.
- Jesus gave the Father everything through His “all-in” gift. How does receiving His grace empower you to respond to God’s call this week, perhaps by beginning the 5-week prayer rhythm?

PRAYER

Take a moment to pray for each other. Thank God for His invitation to partner in building His Kingdom, as seen in Abraham. Pray for courage to trust Him with everything, to hear His callings for our lives and for Aletheia, and for the radical faith for us to follow those callings regardless of the cost.

Prayer Guide

Theme: God builds His Kingdom through people who trust Him completely—even when the cost is high and the outcome is unseen. Like Abraham, surrender everything to unlock God’s provision and legacy.

Day 1: God’s Missional Promise

Read: Genesis 12:1-3

Reflect: God gave Abram a missional promise: to be made a great nation, to be blessed, and in turn bless the whole world. Has God given you any missional promises for your life? God’s promise required Abram to leave his country and kindred—everything he knew. Is there anything God wants you to give up for Him?

Pray: Lord, you gave Abram a promise you fulfilled, to bless the entire world. Show me the callings you have for my life and help me to recognize the things in my life I need to leave to you as I follow your plan.

Day 2: The Faith of Obedience

Read: Genesis 22:1-6,15-18

Reflect: God tests Abraham by asking for radical sacrifice and rewards such faith with an amazing blessing. Is there an area God is calling you to be radically faithful in obedience?

Pray: Lord, build my faith to radical obedience. Help me to have the faith to follow you to generational impact like Abraham’s blessings to nations.

Day 3: God’s Faithful Provision

Read: Genesis 22:7-14

Reflect: Up to the moment of the test, Abraham had faith that God would provide even while remaining obedient in sacrifice. God DID provide the ram—He always provides in surrender. How has God shown provision in your past? Are there areas of your life where you need faith in God’s provision?

Pray: Father God, thank you for past faithfulness. Thank you that you are a God who provides. I trust that you can provide for my life even in the most trying times.

Day 4: Legacy Through Trust

Read: Genesis 22:15-18; Hebrews 11:8-10

Reflect: Abraham’s obedience blessed generations. What might your surrender to God produce?

Pray: God, use my trust to build lasting Kingdom work. Inspire radical acts in our church, cause many to come to faith, and bring renewal to New England.

Day 5: Christ Our Ultimate Surrender

Read: Genesis 12:2-3, Hebrews 12:2

Reflect: Jesus gave everything so we can know the Father. He went all-in for the promises God had given to Him. How does His “all-in” gift change us?

Pray: Jesus, thank you for surrendering all. Empower Aletheia to partner with you and start this 5-week rhythm with open hearts for global mission.

Week 2: A Heart for God's House

Sermon Notes

Group Discussion Guide

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

As you explore 1 Chronicles 29:1-20, keep in mind this week's big idea: True worship always costs us something—and God builds His Kingdom through joyful, sacrificial generosity.

CONNECT

Share about a time when you gave sacrificially to a cause or person, and it brought unexpected joy or shaped your heart. What motivated your giving?

INTRODUCTION

In 1 Chronicles 29:1-20, David passionately gives his treasures for the temple, inspiring others to give joyfully despite not building it himself. This partnership models open-handed surrender for God's glory, showing how sacrifice shapes hearts. It points to Jesus, whose ultimate sacrificial worship enables ours to be accepted.

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: 1 Chronicles 29:1-9

Discuss:

- David gives “with all my resources” for the temple (v. 3). What does this reveal about his heart for God's house, and why might his personal sacrifice inspire others to give willingly (v. 9)?
- David acknowledges that everything comes from God (vv. 1-5). How does this deal with reluctance in giving, and what does it teach about the difference between tithe and above-and-beyond generosity?

Read: 1 Chronicles 29:10-20

Discuss:

- David's prayer celebrates God's ownership of everything (vv. 10-12). What does this show about giving with joy—not reluctance—and how does it model a posture of open-handed surrender?
- The people rejoice in their offerings (v. 9). How does this address the idea that God uses generosity to shape our hearts, and what does David's story encourage in collective worship?

APPLICATION

- Identify a “safe” level of giving in your life that doesn't stretch you. How can you say “yes” to sacrificial worship, trusting it will change you—like preparing spaces for church expansion?

- Where are you facing hesitation in generosity? Reflect on false responses like reluctance or self-reliance—how can God's ownership empower joyful giving to Benevolence & Mission?
- Jesus offered sacrificial worship that accepts ours. How does His grace change how you approach family prayers about your gift this week?

PRAYER

Take a moment to pray for each other. Thank God for using generosity to shape hearts, as seen in David. Pray for joy in sacrificial giving, to embrace His vision for us and for Aletheia, and for strength for those reluctant to stretch. Pray for our leaders to clearly hear and follow God's directions with pure hearts.

Prayer Guide

Theme: True worship always costs us something, and God builds His Kingdom through joyful, sacrificial generosity. Like David, we can give joyfully to shape hearts for God's glory.

Day 1: David's Personal Sacrifice

Read: 1 Chronicles 29:1-5

Reflect: David gave "with all my resources" first. He provided gold for the things that needed gold, silver for the things that needed silver. What are the things of the Kingdom of God that you can provide for?

Pray: Lord, stir my heart like David's for your house. Lead me to see the needs of your Kingdom that you have blessed me to provide for.

Day 2: Inspiring Joyful Giving

Read: 1 Chronicles 29:6-9

Reflect: David's example led others to give willingly with joy. How can I do that in the lives of others?

Pray: Father, fill us with joy in sacrifice, not reluctance. Bless us, and help us partner together to love our neighbors locally and globally.

Day 3: Acknowledging God's Ownership

Read: 1 Chronicles 29:10-14; Psalm 24:1; James 1:17

Reflect: Everything is God's, and the things we have are a gift from God to steward. What are the blessings God has placed in your life? Are there things in your life that you have not acknowledged God's

ownership over?

Pray: Lord, forgive me for the things I have held on to as my own. You are the Lord of the Universe who has blessed me with all the good things in my life. Help me to rightly see that everything belongs to you.

Day 4: Sacrifice as Worship

Read: 1 Chronicles 29:14-20; 2 Samuel 24:24

Reflect: David wouldn't offer what cost nothing. How does costly worship draw you closer to God?

Pray: God, make our giving true worship. Inspire collective generosity at Aletheia as an outcome of hearts shaped for Your glory.

Day 5: Christ Our Sacrificial Worship

Read: 1 Chronicles 29:9-10

Reflect: Jesus's sacrifice enables our worship to be accepted. How does His act fuel your joyful giving?

Pray: Jesus, thank you for ultimate worship. Empower us at Aletheia to pray and commit, cheerfully worshipping you through sacrifice and giving and being blessed to see you work your will through our gifts.

Week 3: Rebuilding for Impact

Sermon Notes

Group Discussion Guide

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

As you explore Nehemiah 2:17-20 and 4:1-23, keep in mind this week's big idea: God builds His Kingdom through people who allow His burden to become their responsibility.

CONNECT

Share about a time when a burden or grief led you to take action for restoration or rebuilding in your life or community. What helped you persevere through obstacles?

INTRODUCTION

In Nehemiah 2:17-20 and 4:1-23, Nehemiah calls the people to rebuild Jerusalem's walls, facing opposition but persisting through faithful partnership with God. This story drives surrender by showing risk-taking obedience and collective effort—pointing to Christ who bore God's redemptive vision as His personal responsibility.

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: Nehemiah 2:17-20

Discuss:

- Nehemiah shares his burden: “Let us rebuild” (v. 17). What does this reveal about how God births vision through holy grief, and why might prayer and listening precede action?
- Nehemiah trusts “the gracious hand of my God” (v. 18). How does this show that faith requires both trust and strategy, and what does his calling teach about everyone participating in rebuilding?

Read: Nehemiah 4:1-23

Discuss:

- Amid mockery, the people work with tools and weapons (vv. 6, 17). What does this show about overcoming obstacles faithfully, and how does Nehemiah's leadership model allow God's burden to become ours?
- Families build side-by-side (implied in context). How does this address that not everyone builds the same, but everyone builds something? What does it encourage in community restoration?

APPLICATION

- Identify a “wall” in your life or church needing rebuilding. How can you take a faithful step like fasting or redirecting resources, trusting God for impact in benevolence and expansion?

- Where are you facing opposition or comfort? Reflect on false responses like inaction—how can God's burden empower courage for the God-Goal and radical steps?
- Christ bore redemptive vision personally. How does His grace change how you approach obstacles this week, perhaps by praying for campaign breakthroughs?

PRAYER

Take a moment to pray for each other. Thank God for giving vision through burdens, as seen in Nehemiah. Pray for courage to rebuild, embrace collective responsibility, and find faith for those facing opposition. Pray for protection from attacks or discouragement for each other and Aletheia's leaders and staff.

Prayer Guide

Theme: God builds His Kingdom through people who allow His burden to become their responsibility. Like Nehemiah, turn holy grief into courageous action for restoration.

Day 1: Birth of a Holy Burden

Read: Nehemiah 2:17-18

Reflect: Nehemiah started with grief, not a plan. What Kingdom “wall” burdens your heart—personal or at Aletheia?

Pray: Lord, break my heart for what breaks Yours. Help me to have a vision for the things you are calling to build and rebuild at this moment.

Day 2: Prayer and Courage

Read: Nehemiah 4:1-6

Reflect: Nehemiah prayed amid opposition. He turned over the attacks they experienced to God. How can prayer turn your burdens into bold steps?

Pray: Father, grant courage like Nehemiah’s. Overcome obstacles in Aletheia’s Kingdom Builders campaign. Give us the bold faith to push forward with radical steps towards your goals when the “wisdom” of the world would mock us as foolish.

Day 3: Faith and Strategy

Read: Nehemiah 4:7-14

Reflect: As in Nehemiah’s time, faith requires trust and action—everyone who returned to Jerusalem built something. What’s your role in Aletheia’s rebuilding?

Pray: God, blend trust with strategy in our lives. Mobilize every person to participate in prayer and obedience. Show me where there are gaps in the wall that I am to guard, and give wisdom and strategy to Aletheia’s leaders and staff.

Day 4: Overcoming Opposition

Read: Nehemiah 4:15-23

Reflect: The people worked faithfully despite mockery. They also knew that they could sound a trumpet to rally in trouble. Where do you face resistance to generosity? Do you have the support of Christians around you for that resistance?

Pray: Protector, guard our mission like Jerusalem’s walls. Rebuild for impact, enhancing capacity for discipleship and outreach. Help us to be ready to rally wherever you call us.

Day 5: Christ Our Redemptive Vision

Read: Nehemiah 2:19-20

Reflect: Christ bore God’s vision personally. How does His responsibility inspire yours?

Pray: Jesus, thank you for your redemptive sacrifice. Empower faithful steps this week for campaign breakthroughs, gospel fruit, and the flourishing of our cities and New England.

Week 4: From Scarcity to Surrender

Sermon Notes

Group Discussion Guide

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This week's guide will help you study a biblical passage through observation, interpretation, and application. As you explore Mark 12:41-44, keep in mind this week's big idea: God builds His Kingdom not through the size of the gift, but through the size of the faith behind it.

CONNECT

Share about a time when you were experiencing scarcity and God helped you. Or, talk about what you're facing right now.

INTRODUCTION

In Mark 12:41–44, Jesus praises the widow’s offering—all she had—as true surrender, contrasting with the rich’s leftovers. This inspires generosity from dependence on God, showing small acts of faith yield impact. This points us to Jesus who relied fully on the Father’s leadership and provision.

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: Mark 12:41–44

Discuss:

- The widow gives “everything—all she had to live on” (v. 44). What does this reveal about giving beyond comfort, and why might Jesus celebrate her over the wealthy?
- Jesus notes she gave out of poverty (v. 43). How does this show Kingdom building is about equal surrender—from “it’s all mine” to “it’s all God’s”—and how does it teach that everyone can participate?

Read: 1 Kings 17:8–16

Discuss:

- The widow of Zarephath gives her last meal to Elijah (v. 15). What does this show about faithful dependence? How does God’s provision (v. 16) model that faith behind the gift multiplies impact?
- Her jar doesn’t run dry. How does this address a scarcity mindset? What does her story encourage in your own life?

APPLICATION

- Identify fear or comparison holding you back in giving. How can you say “no” to scarcity to say “yes” to surrender?
- Where are you facing dependence? Reflect on false responses like holding back—how can God’s perspective empower stretching in your faith?

- Where are you in need? Do you trust God for that need to be met?
- Jesus’ way of dependence changes us. How does His grace shift your approach to radical giving this week, modeling total surrender?

PRAYER

Thank God for valuing faith over gift size, as seen in the widows at Zarephath and the temple in Jerusalem. Pray for release from scarcity thinking and to embrace equal surrender. Pray for Aletheia to be a church with the faith and generosity to give even in situations where the world may consider us poor.

Prayer Guide

Theme: God builds His Kingdom not through the size of the gift, but through the size of the faith behind it. Like the widow, give from dependence, trusting God multiplies impact.

Day 1: The Widow's Total Surrender

Read: Mark 12:41-44

Reflect: She gave everything, outshining the wealthy. Where do you cling to a scarcity mindset instead of an abundance mindset?

Pray: Lord, shift my mindset from “it’s all mine” to “it’s all Yours.” Stretch us in new ways for next generation faith formation.

Day 2: Faith Over Amount

Read: 1 Kings 17:8-12

Reflect: The Zarephath widow gave her last, and God provided. How can small acts of faith yield eternal impact?

Pray: Provider, celebrate equal surrender in our church. Help us to celebrate faith and generosity over amount, and for any and all of that amount to go towards your glory and mission.

Day 3: Overcoming Fear and Comparison

Read: 1 Kings 17:13-16; Luke 16:10

Reflect: Her jar never ran dry. What fears hold you back from “giving all” in one area?

Pray: Father, cast out scarcity and comparison. Inspire united surrender for immeasurably more in expanded discipleship.

Day 4: Multiplied Impact

Read: Mark 12:43-44

Reflect: Jesus valued the size of her heart, not the size of her gift. God is eager to make us faithful over large things when we show ourselves faithful with small things. How does faith multiply gifts at Aletheia?

Pray: God, multiply our offerings like the widow's. Help us to steward the things in our life well and to properly return them to you at the right time so that you can grow us in responsibility for the greater things you have for us.

Day 5: Christ Our Faithful Dependence

Read: Mark 12:44; Matthew 17:27

Reflect: Jesus relied fully on the Father—His way is dependence. How does this change your approach?

Pray: Jesus, teach us to trust you in total dependence. Stretch my faith to radical trust and help me to know that you will provide for all of my circumstances.

Week 5: A People on Mission

Sermon Notes

Group Discussion Guide

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Today we explore Acts 4:32–37. Keep in mind this week’s big idea: When God’s people unite around His mission, the Church becomes unstoppable.

CONNECT

Share about a time when unified giving or sacrifice in a group advanced a shared mission or helped others. What made it powerful?

INTRODUCTION

In Acts 4:32–37, believers share everything so no one is in need, with Barnabas selling land as radical generosity, fueling growth. This culminates in surrender, showing united giving advances the gospel. This points to Christ as the true “unified sacrifice” in the Godhead’s unity and the Son’s giving.

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: Acts 4:32–37

Discuss:

- The believers are “one in heart and mind” and share possessions (v. 32). What does this reveal about unified sacrifice for mission, and why might radical generosity fuel bold witness (v. 33)?
- Barnabas sells his field (v. 37). How does this show the early church gave to a movement, not a building? What does it teach about everyone’s role in Kingdom growth?

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:1–7

Discuss:

- The Macedonians give out of poverty and beg to participate (vv. 2–4). What does this show about generosity overflowing from grace, and how does it model uniting around God’s mission?
- They excel in giving (v. 7). How does this address that radical giving makes the church unstoppable, and how does their story encourage joyful commitment?

APPLICATION

- Identify division or reluctance in your mission focus. What does surrender look like for you, personally? How can your group unite in surrender?
- How can God’s power in unity empower faithfulness in your life?

- Jesus Christ gave his life in one sacrificial moment. Have you received his sacrifice by faith? How does his sacrifice move you toward obedience?

PRAYER

Take a moment to pray for each other. Thank God for uniting His people on mission, as seen in the early church. Pray for bold generosity and God’s great provision for our church. Pray for a multiplying of God’s treasures, and protection from the scouts of Babylon.

Prayer Guide

Theme: When God’s people unite around His mission, the Church becomes unstoppable. Like the early church, unite in radical generosity to fuel Gospel growth.

Day 1: Unity in Heart and Mission

Read: Acts 4:32-33

Reflect: The disciples in Jerusalem shared everything as one. Where do you need unity in surrender?

Pray: Lord, make Aletheia “one heart, one vision.” Fuel bold witness through commitments on March 22. Help us to see Aletheia as a part of your church—the bride you are making spotless—and not mistake buildings for “church.”

Day 2: Radical Acts of Faith

Read: Acts 4:34-37

Reflect: Barnabas sold land to meet needs. How does creative obedience like that inspire you?

Pray: Father, inspire sales and sacrifices that fuel the mission and make a way for revival.

Day 3: Generosity Fuels Movement

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:1-4,13-14

Reflect: Macedonians gave from poverty, begging to join. They were rich in generosity even if poor in money. Where has God given you an abundance from which you can give to those in need? Where have you seen giving that motivates you to do likewise?

Pray: God, move mightily through us into our communities. Help us to be eager participants in demonstrating the fruits of the spirit you have nurtured within us.

Day 4: Power in Unified Sacrifice

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:5-7

Reflect: Their giving excelled, leading to unstoppable mission. How can unity make Aletheia bold?

Pray: Spirit, unite us in sacrifice. Give us vision for faithfulness, not just offerings.

Day 5: Christ Our Unified Sacrifice

Read: Acts 4:33

Reflect: Christ is the Godhead’s unified sacrifice. How does His giving empower ours?

Pray: Jesus, may the end of this campaign be worship and the goal be your glory. Protect our hearts and those of our leaders and staff to remain sanctified and focused on your will and purposes.

Family Discussion Guide

Prepare

*John 3:30 - He must become greater;
I must become less.*

We hope this Family Discussion Guide will help you decide how you can help advance God's Kingdom through Aletheia and in your own life. Use this guide to help facilitate discussions this week with your family about Kingdom Builders and the commitment you plan to make during commitment weekend! Including kids in this moment is a great way to instill generosity and excitement for what God is doing through you and Aletheia.

Prepare the discussion

Pick a time when you can have a discussion this week before Commitment Sunday. During this time, your whole family can come together to make this decision as a family. Block off about 30 minutes to an hour for this discussion and minimize distractions. If you're leading the discussion, review the Family Discussion Guide in advance and be ready to challenge each member to think of how they can sacrifice and step out in faith.

Make your commitment

Bring your completed commitment card with you to Aletheia on Commitment Sunday, March 22. Pray over the commitment card with your family and ask God to bless and multiply your commitment.

Pray

Pray for this discussion. Ask God to help you focus on and commit to how you can be a part of advancing God's Kingdom through Aletheia. Thank God for

all He is doing at Aletheia and ask Him for directions as you prepare to make a commitment to Kingdom Builders.

Recap

Ask each other what you've been learning so far through the Kingdom Builders campaign at Aletheia. Make sure to engage your kids to ask what they've been learning in Aletheia Kids.

Read

Read the following Scripture passages aloud. After each passage, ask, "What does God teach us about giving through these verses?"

Write down your thoughts below:

Proverbs 3:9-10

Proverbs 11:24-25

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Discuss

Discuss sacrifices and lifestyle changes that you could make in order to give to Kingdom Builders. Be sure to include any and all ideas!

Some will give for the first time.
Some will stretch in new ways.
All of us can take a step of faith together.

Spend some time asking God for direction and unique ideas. Ask Him how you can give courageously, consistently, and creatively.

Brainstorm below.

Compare

Compare God's principles for giving (from verses read earlier) with the ideas you brainstormed. Add additional suggestions that anyone offers.

Commit

Decide what and how you will give and write down on your family's commitment card. Bring your card to Aletheia on commitment weekend—March 22.

Closing

Close in a prayer of commitment, asking God to provide for you as you step out in faith and commit to being a part of Kingdom Builders for the next 25 months. Pray for the people whose lives will be changed as a result of Kingdom Builders.

