

Thanksgiving

I Chron 16: 1 – 36

1. David and the Israelites had come together to celebrate with God being the guest of honour. In what way does their party resemble celebrations we organise today? [Note: a cake of dates was for special occasions and a generous gift to be receiving.] How does their party resemble our worship today? (I Chron 16: 1-6)
2. Music was to be a major part of the celebration. Share what music helps you worship and celebrate God. You might play some to praise God together.
3. In verses 8-22 what do they give thanks for? (See also Psalm 105: 1-15) Share together what you as a group and as individuals can be thankful for.
4. In verses 34-36 what do they give thanks for? Give thanks together for who God is and what his various attributes have meant in your life (e.g. what does his goodness mean to you).
5. What does it mean to 'ascribe to the Lord'? (v28-29; see also Psalm 96:1-13) What does this mean for us today? (v28-33; see also Eph 5: 18-20)
6. Share ways you might incorporate more thanksgiving into your life and time together as a group.

Pray Together

After 26 verses of praise and thanksgiving they bring their prayers to God (v35-36). Notice the purpose for asking God for deliverance. Take time to pray together for your needs.