

## **Discussion Guide For the Week of Sept. 30, 2018**

1 Chronicles 17:1-4; 28:1-20; 29:1-4; Colossians 1:18

- Does it strike you as odd that Nathan told David to “go ahead” only to find out this wasn’t really what God wanted (1 Chron. 17:1-4)? How did Pastor Dan explain this? What are your thoughts on it?
- God told David not to build the temple, but David invested a lot of time and effort planning and organizing the project and he donated financially to make it happen (1 Chron. 28:1-20; 29:1-4). How do you respond to this? Do you get the feeling David was being “controlling” or do you feel God had given David this passion so that he could help make sure Solomon could do it? Why do you say that? Do you find any support in this passage which would suggest God placed this desire in David’s heart? See 1 Chron. 28:19.
- David told Solomon to be strong and courageous and not be discouraged or afraid. (1 Chron. 28:20). Why would he need to tell Solomon this? Is it possible some of the people or leaders of Israel would resist this plan God had given David? Have you ever experienced a time when it appeared that “well intentioned” people were resisting something you perceived as being God’s plan?
- What does the Bible tell us about the church in Col. 1:18? What does it mean that Jesus is the “head” of the church and that we are his “body?” What are some of the practical implications of this message? How should that impact the various decisions we make as a church?
- Are you willing to seek God’s plan for your life? For the life of the Federated Church? What guidance do you find in these passages in helping you discover God’s plan? When God reveals His plan to you, are you willing to pursue it – even if it is different from what you want?