



Covenant Community Groups – Interactive Study Guide Week of February 8, 2009

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2. Questions:

- Initial thoughts/questions?
- According to these verses, what are some characteristics of Biblical, God-glorifying giving?
- Why should we give? What are good motivations and purposes for giving?
- How can you give in a way that leads others to glorify God? (2 Cor. 9:13) How can you do this humbly – without letting your left hand know what your right hand is doing (Matt. 6:3)?
- How does the local church serve as the storehouse? (Mal. 3:10) What are some principles to keep in mind for balancing giving to the local church and giving to other ministries?
- Review Abram's example from Genesis 12-14 (*specifically God's promises to, provisions for and protection of Abram*). What did God do and why did Abram give? What are you grateful to God for? How can you express that gratitude?
- In terms of generously using your life, talents and resources for the glory of God, what step is the Lord encouraging you to take? How can your community group help?

3. Break into smaller groups of men and women to share and pray

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