

## HomeGroup Discussion Guide

December 14-20, 2008

### Key Idea of the Week:

We are managers of the things God has given us, not owners. And the things we have been given charge of are to be used to make a better place for others. In essence, we have been given the task of translating our earthly goods into eternal treasures by blessing others. How does that look this Christmas?

### Discussion Guide:

Pray for God to soften your hearts and speak to you as you open His Word together.

Read I Timothy 6:17-19.

Discuss

How does someone 'put their hope in wealth?' How would you know if you were someone who had put your hope in wealth?

How do you instead 'put your hope in God?' What does that look like in an average day?

What do you think about the idea that God 'richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment?' Is this what you've been taught?

Verse 18 commands us to share freely of the things God has given us. Have you ever been on the receiving end of someone's generosity? How did that feel?

Have you recently given generously to someone else? How did that feel?

Verse 19 teaches that somehow, when we share generously with others we translate our earthly goods into eternal treasures. How does this work?

Paul says that this is the way to 'take hold of the life that is truly life.' Is Paul talking only about eternity? If not, how does generosity enhance one's life today?

How are you going to share of yourself this Christmas?

Pray for courage to act on what you've learned this week and for any requests that may have been raised by members of the group.