

Giving and Going 1 Corinthians 16:1-13

1. St. Paul's: _____ and _____

a. _____

b. _____

i. Sharing of money

1. Concern for needs of church at Jerusalem (mother-church)

2. St. Paul's many facets of _____

3. Principle 1: _____ relationships

4. Principle 2: _____ contributions

5. Principle 3: _____ giving

6. Principle 4: _____ accountability

7. People love to give to God and have confidence in St. Paul's ministry

ii. Sharing of ministry

1. Paul

2. Timothy

3. Apollos

4. Two-way ministry

iii. Giving and receiving between churches equally significant today (_____)

2. St. Paul's: _____ and _____

a. _____: "A great door for effective work has opened" (9)

i. Paul dialogued daily in a public lecture-room

ii. Relational opportunities today

b. _____: "and there are many who oppose me. (9)

i. Evil powers – face to face with occult

ii. Gold and silver smiths

iii. Jewish hierarchy

c. Opposition does not mean that we have moved out of the will of God

3. St. Paul's: What _____?

a. Be on your guard

b. Stand firm in the faith

c. Be men of courage

d. Be strong

e. Do everything in love

f. Keep on giving and going!

Sermon-based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 15, 2009

1 Corinthians 16:1-13

Icebreaker: Who is one person you would like to visit? / When you travel, do you prefer to plan things out or just go and see what happens?

Read the text together in your group.

1. From the very beginning the Church has crossed national boundaries. Many internationals have moved to St. Louis. Describe your knowledge and contact with them.
2. What right did Paul have to ask for a collection from the Corinthians and give to the Jerusalem Christians?
3. What money wisdom do you find in verses 1-4?
4. Why do you think Paul asked the Corinthians to set aside money on the first day of the week?
5. How careful do you think a church or Christian organization should be with the money it is given? How do you discern which groups are trustworthy?
6. On a scale of one to ten, rate how trustworthy you feel St. Paul's Church is with its funds.
7. A variety of caring ministries by St. Paul's and her members was mentioned in the sermon. Can you think of additional ministries at St. Paul's? Are you or have you been involved in any of them?

8. What thoughts or feelings come to mind when you consider these ministries? Are people using their spiritual gifts at St. Paul's?
9. How do you feel about sharing our facilities with Beit Tefilah and Shamah Congregations? Have you met folk from either congregation? Would you like to?
10. Paul saw opportunities where others didn't? What do you think is the greatest door of opportunity before St. Paul's church family?
11. What is the most significant opportunity you have had? What happened?
12. What kind of opposition do you think St. Paul's faces now or will face in the future?
13. Paul ends with exhortations in verses 13 & 14. Which one is most significant to you and why?

Prayer:

Thank God for the work of the Holy Spirit in and through His people at St. Paul's.

Pray for one another.