



Breathing Room Week 3 Questions

INTRO

Breathing room is the space between our current pace and our limits. Understanding the difference between standard of living & quality of life gives us strength to trust God with our money, & make principled decisions that allows us to enjoy the fruit & peace of giving.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:13, 2 Corinthians 9:5-8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Possible Ice Breaker Questions:

1. What is the most fun you've had giving money away?
2. What is the most rewarding financial purchase you've made because of great financial planning/saving ahead?

Diving Deeper:

Read 2 Corinthians 9:5-8

So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given. Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

3. What about Paul's teaching here stands out different than how you've interacted with money & religion in the past?
4. Have you ever thought about the difference between "Standard of Living" & "Quality of Life"? Do you agree or disagree with Wayne's statement on Sunday?
5. (if too uncomfortable you could apply any Breathing room area to the last two questions)
If you could look into the future 10 years from now, what disciplined financial change would you most want to make so your future quality of life would go up?
6. What current standard of living would need to go down to accomplish this? How can you trust God with this?

NEXT STEPS

If discipline, not standard of living, raises our quality of life then what step below do you need to take/trust God with?

- Make a Plan
- Set a Breathing Room Goal (percentage)
- Spy on Your Money (Budget)
- Cut Spending
- Get out of Debt