



Message Notes

Week 2: Creating Margin in our Minutes Ephesians 5:15-17 (ESV)

Big Idea for this week:

Create margin by scheduling what matters _____, _____.

Margin definition: Margin is the amount of space between what you _____ and what you _____.

1. Scheduling margin is a sign of _____.

2. Scheduling margin is a sign of _____.

How do we schedule time wisely?

Big Idea: most/first Definition: have/need 1. wisdom 2. maturity

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group.

1. Think back to God’s message this week. What sticks out to you?

2. In this passage, Paul gives us wisdom and insight on how to manage the opportunities in life. The “normal” pattern of today’s society is busyness, meaning that if we are not busy, we are not productive. What things in your life are keeping you too busy? How is that busyness affecting all areas of your life? What are the things in your life that you value most? Does the way you use your time reflect those values? Why or why not?

3. To make the most of our limited time, we should ask the question “In light of _____, is it wise?” before making decisions about your schedule. What would you put in the blank when asking that question? Is it your goals, your family’s needs, your marriage, your relationship with God or something else? Explain.

Next steps. Here are some specific things you can do this week to take a step toward living life with the margin God intends for you.

- Confess areas of your life that are causing too much busyness.
- Ask God in prayer to give you the strength to say no to good things so that you can say yes to His better things.
- Commit to God the things that will allow you to create margin.
- Spend intimate time with God in prayer.
- Share with others who can walk with you to help keep margin.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of margin that allows us to know You better. Help me to daily choose what is better—to sit daily at Your feet and schedule what matters most, first. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.