

Reflection & Discussion Questions
Redeeming the Time - Margins
Ephesians 5:15-16

1. What are your most important responsibilities in life? These are the things God has called you to do, those tasks, people and responsibilities that must be included in *your* schedule. Be as specific as possible.

2. Are there any tasks, people, or responsibilities that you are taking on that God has not called you to? If so, what are they? Take some time to sit with the Lord and ask Him if there are things in your life to which you need to learn to say, "No".

3. How do you define margins?
 - What are some indications that the margins in your life are healthy?

 - What are some indications that the margins in your life are not healthy?

4. Write out Ephesians 5:15-16 in your own words.

5. Sit with the Lord and meditate on Ephesians 5:15-16. Write down anything He shows you.

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6. What are the areas of your life where margins are needed? List as many as you can think of. Now go back and number them: Put a #1 by those areas where margins are very healthy, a #2 by those where margins are moderately healthy, and a #3 by those areas that need some work.

7. Look at the list you made for question 6. For every #2 and #3, write down at least one thing you could do to shore up the margins in each of those areas.

8. Read Ephesians 2:10.
 - What does it mean to you to know you are His workmanship, His *poema*?

 - What good works has God created for you?

 - How are margins necessary for you to accomplish these good works?

9. Consider Bill's warning about taking on things you were not called to do. Have you ever done this? What were the results?

10. How has this life lesson about margins encouraged you?

11. What is one way you can apply what you have learned about margins to your daily life?