

Take A Breath “Celebrate”- Jim Burgen

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Community:

1. Have you had an experience where you were surprised by another’s generosity toward you?
2. Share a time when you were able to help someone else out. What was that situation?

Core:

1. Jim admitted that he’s bad at celebrating and that we all need to learn to “*press pause*” and learn to celebrate better. Do you have any special moments at your time with Flatirons that you feel the need to *press pause* and celebrate?
2. Jim said, “*We’re looking back at what happened the last two weekends in December and giving God all of the credit, but also acknowledging that God uses people who are available to Him.*” Do you struggle with celebrating when good things happen at church? If so, explain.
3. **Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-10.** Have you seen this truth (“...*whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly...*”) lived out in your life or the lives of others? Why do you think sowing (giving of your time, money, etc.) is so difficult?
4. We are called to give *cheerfully*, not reluctantly or under compulsion. What are some circumstances that may cause you to be reluctant or feel pressured to give?
5. **2 Corinthians 9:8** reads, “*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*” What is hindering you from trusting that God will provide *all things* at *all times*; so that you can give to others?
6. Jim shared this quote from U2’s Bono, “*Stop asking God to bless what you’re doing. Find out what God is doing. It’s already blessed.*” Do you believe this? If so, where can we see God already doing something to help others—and how can you join in?
7. **Read 2 Corinthians 9:11-15.** Reading this, in the end, our giving and generosity is to give glory to God. How can you give God the recognition for the \$400,000 plus given for cars?

Challenge:

Take some time every day this week and read **2 Corinthians 9:6-15**. Then, pray and ask God to reveal to you what He wants you to learn from these verses—regarding where He’s already working and how He wants you to join Him. Be honest, sharing with God your struggles, concerns, and your need to trust Him more.

