

When Church Finances Feel Like Mission Impossible - Episode 393

Do you wish your church could have more financial margin for ministry? Are your people struggling with debt and low giving? In this episode of The Unstuck Church Podcast, Sean interviews George Kamel from Ramsey Solutions about how Financial Peace University is helping churches break free from financial stress.

We're shooting straight with these questions. Why are so few churchgoers tithing regularly? How is debt truly impacting healthy church growth, and what are practical ways church leaders can start transforming their church's financial health today?

George shares some remarkable statistics about how FPU is increasing per-donor giving in churches while helping congregations get serious about biblical stewardship. Money was one of Jesus' most discussed topics in the Bible, which should probably tell us something. If you're tired of avoiding money conversations in your church, this episode is for you.

Key Quotes

1. SEAN: "It can be incredibly helpful to have a practical tool that helps your congregation with money and finances."
2. GEORGE: "When churches are financially healthy, it creates more margin for their ministry."
3. GEORGE: "We've found that the more debt you have, the less healthy your church is."
4. GEORGE: "If a church offered just one FPU class, they would see an increase of 5% in average volume per donor."
5. GEORGE: "Think about the opportunity cost of keeping that debt around instead of what it could do for your congregation."
6. SEAN: "If people don't understand why they should be giving and growing in generosity as followers of Jesus, I think we have to look at ourselves as church leaders and ask if we have a responsibility in that."

Self-Assessment: How Are We Doing?

1. How many of our pastors have gone through Financial Peace University (FPU) or something similar?
2. For those who haven't, are they willing to take a class like FPU? If so, when? (*Don't forget the free FPU classes for pastors through fpu.com/pastors.*)
3. How often do we currently offer a class like FPU to our congregation? If we haven't ever or if we haven't recently, is there someone on staff or a volunteer who could lead this ministry for our church?

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