

Stewardship of Leadership

Lead by Example

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Balance in Life

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Servant Leadership

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Stewardship

The purpose of
our life is to:
Know God,
Love God,
and **Serve God**
so that we may live
with Him forever
in Heaven

Leaders building Leaders
on the foundation of Christ

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we believe:

In one God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; each of Whom is wholly present in the Other.

That God is the author of Sacred Scripture: Penned by human authors and inspired by the Holy Spirit, both Old and New Testaments firmly, faithfully and without error teach us the Truth, for the sake of our salvation, by which we are to lead our lives at home, in the workplace, and within our community.

That we are created in the image of God, and that we are separated from Him by Sin.

That Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is God's only begotten Son. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered and died for our sins, was resurrected from the dead, and ascended into Heaven.

In the forgiveness of our sins through Jesus Christ and that He will come again to judge all.

In the bodily resurrection of the dead and life everlasting; either united with Christ eternally in Heaven or eternally separated from Him in Hell.

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:5-6

mission:

Leaders building leaders on the foundation of Christ.

vision:

By applying Biblical virtues through the intercession of the Holy Spirit, we will:

Build spiritual leaders in the HOME who shepherd their families to the Throne of Christ.

Build spiritual leaders in the WORKPLACE who model the Example of Christ.

Build spiritual leaders in the COMMUNITY who demonstrate the Integrity of Christ.

core values:

Love • Joy • Peace • Patience

Kindness • Generosity • Faithfulness

Gentleness • Self-Control

Galatians 5: 22 – 23

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:

a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

A spirit of counsel and of strength,

a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD.

Isaiah 11: 2

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monthly topics:

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The Textbook of Leadership

The Gift of Leadership

Setting the Compass

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Leading in Troubled Times

Tough Decisions/Tough Actions

Influence and Impact

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Character and Integrity

Conflict in the Home, Workplace and the Community

Taming the Tongue

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Leading with Purpose

Measuring Success

Pass it On (Leave a Legacy)

meeting format *(steps 1 ~ 5 should be completed within 1 hour)*

1. **Opening Prayer** – Volunteer needed to offer a spontaneous prayer.
2. **Prayers for:** Unity, the intercession of the Holy Spirit, Litany of Humility and others are encouraged. *(From the Stewardship of Leadership Prayer booklet and spontaneous)*
3. **Scripture Reading** – Volunteer needed to read. All members are invited to write down all inspirations they receive from the Scripture reading on the provided worksheet.
4. **1–3 Minutes of Silence** – A short period of quiet reflection is requested after the reading allowing the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and spirits to the reading.
5. **Group Contribution** – All members are invited to contribute what impacted them in this Scripture reading, sharing inspirations, personal stories and how they relate to their lives.
6. **Group Accountability Session (up to 20 minutes)** – The group could break out into groups of 3 to 4 if they choose, or remain as a group. This will be a time for each participant to delve into specific areas of self-growth related to the topic being discussed. Each participant is invited to document, on the provided worksheet, specific Action Items they plan to accomplish over the next week. These Action Items could be reviewed at the following week's break-out session.
7. **Prayer Requests/Praise Items** – All members are welcome to share prayer requests and/or praise items to be offered up in prayer by the group. Please feel free to write these down on the provided worksheet.
8. **Closing Prayers**
 - Volunteer needed to pray for the requests/intentions.
 - Prayers for a peaceful spirit *(from the Stewardship of Leadership Prayer booklet)*
 - Spontaneous Thanksgiving prayer for our time together

Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: Leading in Troubled Times

suggested reading: 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

week one reflection

Hebrews 12: 1-6

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood. You have also forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as sons:

“My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord
or lose heart when reproved by him;
for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines;
he scourges every son he acknowledges.”

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. Who is this cloud of witnesses? What are the “encumbrances” that weigh us down and beset us?
2. How do we keep our “eyes on the prize”? Yes, Jesus is our example of enduring the onslaught of sin, never growing too weary to fight. What does it mean to resist to the point of shedding blood?
3. God calls us “sons” and says we need discipline! It is proof of His love when He chides and corrects us. Name one way He corrects you.



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Leading in Troubled Times

suggested reading: Romans 5: 3-5

week two reflection

James 1: 12-15

Blessed is the man who perseveres in temptation, for when he has been proved he will receive the crown of life that he promised to those who love him. No one experiencing temptation should say, "I am being tempted by God"; for God is not subject to temptation to evil, and he himself tempts no one. Rather, each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire conceives and brings forth sin, and when sin reaches maturity it gives birth to death.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Trials and temptations are inevitable. Why do folks blame God for their misfortunes and trouble?
2. As in the case of Job, God allowed/allows tests in our lives. For what purpose are they allowed?
3. What tools has God provided to "bring us through" victoriously? If we resist His grace in these challenges, what will be our outcome?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Leading in Troubled Times

suggested reading: Isaiah 41: 10

week three reflection

Psalm 138: 3-8

On the day I cried out, you answered; you strengthened my spirit.

All the kings of earth will praise you, LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the LORD: "How great is the glory of the LORD!"

The LORD is on high, but cares for the lowly and knows the proud from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of dangers, you guard my life when my enemies rage.

You stretch out your hand; your right hand saves me.

The LORD is with me to the end. LORD, your mercy endures forever. Never forsake the work of your hands!

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. He is our Deliverer. Name some instances where He gave you strength from within and you were delivered.
2. The Bible refers to God's victorious "right hand". He sits on the "right hand" of God the Father. Do you have an idea about the significance of the "right hand"?
3. The last verse states that the Lord will perfect that which concerns me. Can you name some other references that refer to His faithfulness to finish His work in us?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Leading in Troubled Times

suggested reading: Hosea 14: 4 (NAB Vs. 5)

week four reflection

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

For thus says the Lord GOD: Look! I myself will search for my sheep and examine them. As a shepherd examines his flock while he himself is among his scattered sheep, so will I examine my sheep. I will deliver them from every place where they were scattered on the day of dark clouds. I will lead them out from among the peoples and gather them from the lands; I will bring them back to their own country and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and every inhabited place in the land. In good pastures I will pasture them; on the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down on good grazing ground; in rich pastures they will be pastured on the mountains of Israel. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest—oracle of the Lord GOD. The lost I will search out, the strays I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, and the sick I will heal; but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd them in judgment.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. People refer to sheep as stupid. Is there a reason why we are referred to as sheep? Doesn't that explain why we must have a shepherd?
2. What are the responsibilities of the shepherd to the sheep? What is the dependency of the sheep to the shepherd?
3. Why is Jesus called the "Good Shepherd"? How indebted are we to His all-encompassing watchful care?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: Tough Decisions/Tough Actions

suggested reading: Hebrews 10: 38

week one reflection

Hebrews 12: 25-29

See that you do not reject the one who speaks. For if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much more in our case if we turn away from the one who warns from heaven. His voice shook the earth at that time, but now he has promised, “I will once more shake not only earth but heaven.” That phrase, “once more,” points to [the] removal of shaken, created things, so that what is unshaken may remain. Therefore, we who are receiving the unshakable kingdom should have gratitude, with which we should offer worship pleasing to God in reverence and awe. For our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Why is it important to structure my life around what is eternal and cannot be destroyed or taken away?
2. When reference to “the unshakable kingdom” is made, what is it referring to?
3. When did we see examples of God’s “consuming fire”? What constitutes that which “remains”?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Tough Decisions/Tough Actions

suggested reading: Psalm 91: 9-11

week two reflection

Psalm 121

A song of ascents. I raise my eyes toward the mountains. From whence shall come my help?
My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not allow your foot to slip; or your guardian to sleep.
Behold, the guardian of Israel never slumbers nor sleeps.
The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
By day the sun will not strike you, nor the moon by night.
The LORD will guard you from all evil; he will guard your soul.
The LORD will guard your coming and going both now and forever.

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. Just how amazing is God that His eye is always upon us and He never slumbers?
2. How competent is He to watch and care for His sheep? Where does worry or fear fit in?
3. How easy should it be to trust Him? List His provision and care as described in these two passages.



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Tough Decisions/Tough Actions

suggested reading: Colossians 1: 9-12

week three reflection

Ephesians 3: 14-19

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Is love/charity the “root and foundation” of your life? How do you measure and identify love in your motivations and life?
2. How would you describe the “breadth and length and height and depth of Christ’s Love?” How do we put our arms around this concept? Can we fathom or explain it?
3. How do we fully grasp this unconditional, insurmountable love? Is it experiential? Describe “unconditional” love.



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Tough Decisions/Tough Actions

suggested reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 12

week four reflection

Galatians 6: 1-3

Brothers, even if a person is caught in some transgression, you who are spiritual should correct that one in a gentle spirit, looking to yourself, so that you also may not be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he is deluding himself.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Humility is the basis for correcting others. If we embrace the verse that says, "let he who has no sin cast the first stone", how does that affect our approach to others?
2. If we carry other's burdens we will not judge them, but will rather participate or have a "fellow-feeling" of their weaknesses. How do we demonstrate this?
3. Do you know someone who is more "sizzle than steak?" We are not to have inflated ideas of our own importance. Describe how we can stay realistic and not pompous.



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Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: Influence and Impact

suggested reading: Colossians 3: 16-17

week one reflection

Colossians 4: 2-6

Persevere in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving; at the same time, pray for us, too, that God may open a door to us for the word, to speak of the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, that I may make it clear, as I must speak. Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you know how you should respond to each one.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. What are the mandates to prayer here? Name four.
2. We are to be wise (prudent) in our dealings with others, alert to the opportunities to share Christ. How can your speech be “winsome” (to win some)?
3. WE are to live a life that causes others to be curious and ask us what makes us different. Can you recall times when this happened to you? How prepared to share the gospel were you? Were you caught “off-guard”?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Influence and Impact

suggested reading: Philippians 2: 14-16

week two reflection

Matthew 5: 14-16

You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

The Gospel of the Lord — Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

suggested talking points

1. Do you know people who are shining lights in this world? What qualities do they possess that sets them apart? How do their lives reflect Christ?
2. A light shines so that others can see. They are not ashamed of the light, nor do they hide from it. How can you make sure that your “lamp” is lit and there is no darkness?
3. How do your deeds shine forth and give glory to the Father?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Influence and Impact

suggested reading: Philippians 2: 5

week three reflection

1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction. You know what sort of people we were [among] you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and [in] Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from [the] dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. How does one become an imitator?
2. How do we become and stay filled with the Holy Spirit?
3. How do we keep true joy despite the fact that we may be in the midst of trials and difficult circumstances?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Influence and Impact

suggested reading: 1 Peter 5: 3

week four reflection

Philippians 2: 13-16

For God is the one who, for his good purpose, works in you both to desire and to work. Do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of life, so that my boast for the day of Christ may be that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. How do we set God's standard in such a twisted world? Does it take courage? How can we be the contrast of light in the darkness?
2. What does it mean to live a life without reproach or blemish? In our homes? Workplaces?
3. How can we measure whether our lives are being lived in vain? How do we ensure that our days are purposeful? How do we know if we are making a difference?



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the benefits of participation

- Gives purpose and meaning to our daily lives.
- Spiritual growth, at home, at work and within our communities.
- A life of spiritual peace, joy and charity.
- Learn more, so we can give more.
- Group support and encouragement.
- An ever deepening relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Individual growth (from self-centered to God-centered).
- Become a better person, spouse, parent, leader, follower and friend.
- Counsel of Godly men and women.
- Build life-long relationships.
- Life balance

Balance In Life

1. Relationship with God
2. Spouse
3. Children/Grandchildren
4. Mission Opportunities (*workplace, community & church*)
5. Yourself

*From your relationship with God, flows His love into others.
God must be first in our lives.*



A Family of Ministries with a Global Reach, Planting Seeds of Faith Around the World.



Who we Are

Stewardship: A Mission of Faith is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that was founded in 2010, with the mission to be an instrument of unity in the one body of Christ by feeding the hungry hearts of God's children.

We started with producing and distributing booklets and posters at no charge to churches throughout the United States. These resources were created to spread the Gospel message of stewardship which is: everything we have is a gift from God that we are to use to help others.

Today, Stewardship: A Mission of Faith is a family of ministries with a global reach, planting seeds of faith around the world through the ministries of Down To Earth, The Fathers of St. Joseph, Integrity Restored and Spirit Power as well as continuing to serve in our initial mission initiatives.

Who and How We Serve

The answer is simple—everyone and in multiple ways! Because we are a “family” of ministries, we are able to plant the seeds of faith in many ways. Whether someone is beginning their faith journey or further down the path, we are able to offer a multitude of resources: books, booklets, Bibles, rosaries, audio CDs, DVD series, speaker presentations, and many other tools and initiatives. Our offerings are targeted to serve:

Teens, Young Adults, Adults, Parents, Educators, Parishes/Churches, Men's & Women's Groups, Engaged & Married Couples, Clergy, Lay Leaders, Youth Ministries, Dioceses, Apostolates and Business Leaders

We invite you to join our mission, through your prayers and financial support.

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