

Stewardship - to look after & care for what BELONGS to someone else.

Fundamental Shift - from OWNERSHIP to STEWARDSHIP

Ownership - My life is MINE & I will INDEPENDENTLY choose to live it how I want.

Operative Question - What should I do with my LIFE?

Stewardship - My life is not my OWN but is a gift from GOD.

Operative Question - What does God want me to do with my life?

Big Idea

Living as stewards recognizes our life is to be about God's purpose.

The kingdom of God - God's plan & purpose fully & finally fulfilled.

Matthew 25:14-30

Principles of Stewardship

- We don't own it.
- We are given what we can manage.
 - Stewardship requires faithfulness.

Resistance to Stewardship

- Restriction of FREEDOM.
- COMPARISON to others.
- FEAR
- MISPERCEPTIONS about God.
- Passive RESISTANCE
- PERFORMANCE-Driven

Why does it matter?

Stewardship has communal implications. 1 Peter 4:10

"Jesus Discipleship Community, the Church, is the primary instrument by which the reality of the gospel of the kingdom is made known to a watching world."

- Michael Wilkins

Reflect on your stewardship in these arenas:

POSSESSIONS: How do I steward the possessions that I have?

POWER: How do you wield your influence? Who can you give influence to?

Where can you relinquish recognition?

- PEOPLE: How are you stewarding the relationships in your life? Have you invited God into your relationships?
- PRIORITIES: How do you steward your time?

Stewardship response: Surrender & submission of our AGENDA to God's purposes.

CHILD DEDICATIONS

If you would like to dedicate your child on Sunday morning, August 18 we invite you to come to a short, 15-minute meet & greet time after 3rd hour, TODAY, in Room 210. You'll hear what is going to happen on August 18, give us the hour of your child's dedication & meet the other families who are dedicating children that day.

DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, August 16 | At dusk

This year, we'll be showing Disney's CHRISTOPHER ROBIN. This is a way for us to invite our community into a family-friendly, end-of-summer gathering & to building new relationships. There's popcorn & cotton candy, inflatables & photo opps with some special movie characters throughout the evening! Stop by the "Give Grace" kiosk to check out the volunteer sign-up. If you have any questions, just email communitylife@gracepointwesleyan.org. Hope to see you at the movie!

FRUIT FUNDRAISER

If you would like to order from our fruit fundraiser, the money raised goes to support Oasis (GracePoint's college/young adult ministry). For more information regarding the varieties of fruit & the cost please visit the INFO CENTER. Feel free to spread the word! The deadline for the last order this summer is Monday, August 19.