

Why, How, What: A Framework for Stewardship Impact





Calling the Questions

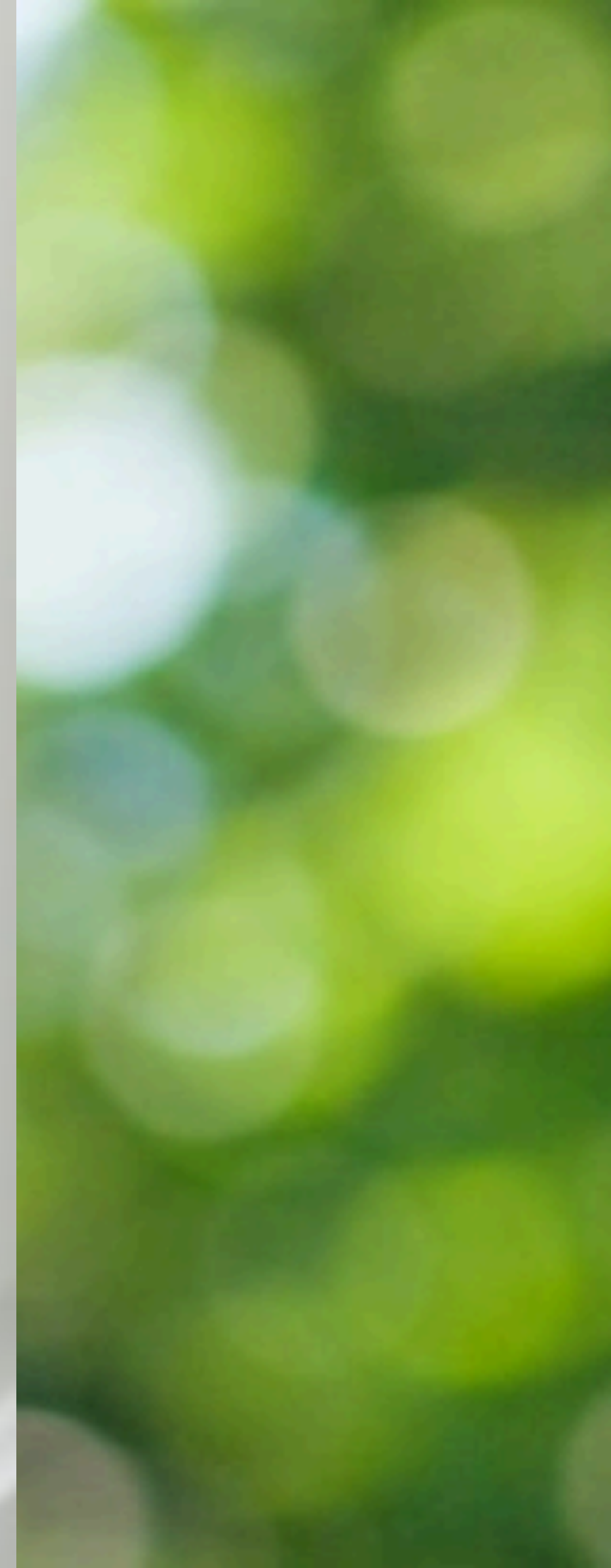
**What have you heard or experienced that
you want to take home with you?**

The Golden Circle



Simon Sinek:
How Great Leaders Inspire Action

WHY?



KNOW YOUR WHY

Purpose, cause, belief



Our WHY is who we are when
we are at our natural best. –

Simon Sinek

DISCOVER YOUR WHY

Purpose, cause, belief



Individuals: Standout memories
defining moments

Organizations: Origin story
Stories shared by members

KNOW YOUR WHY

Purpose, cause, belief



Leaders are the ones who have the courage to go first and open a path for others to follow. — Simon Sinek



WHAT IS YOUR WHY?

What comes to mind?

A brief example of the “special something” of your parish

How does stewardship make a difference?

OUR SHARED VISION

Relationship with Jesus Christ

Called to discipleship

Entrusted with gifts, talents
Called to be good stewards

Witnesses of love, mercy, forgiveness,
compassion





**“Jesus’ call is urgent.
He does not tell people to follow
him at some time in the future
but here and now — at this
moment, in these
circumstances.
There can be no delay.”**

(Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, p. 14)

KNOW HOW

Values, strengths, guiding principles



Principles:

- Enduring
- Clear
- Unchanging

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Values:

- Core convictions
- Flow from principles
- Drive consistency with vision
- Set *beneficial* boundaries
- About who you are as a community

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Strengths:
Individual and Communal

- Parish life
- Ministries
- Ways of serving

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Parish life matters!

Form a “spirituality of
communion”

KNOW HOW

Values, strengths, guiding principles



Put faith in action

Missionary discipleship

“Take Jesus’ message seriously”

KNOW HOW

Values, strengths, guiding principles



Build relationships

Fuel a warm community

Inspire action

KNOW HOW

Values, strengths, guiding principles



Invite people to discern

Where are you now?

What are you called to do?

What will your next steps be?

Risk taking a step



HOW MIGHT VALUES GUIDE GROWTH IN YOUR PARISH OR

Take time to reflect

Talk with someone about this

Reflect more

Gain clarity

KNOW WHAT

Practices, services, roles



People

Grow in holiness and reach out to others with God's love

Actively embrace life-long conversion to Christ

Live as disciples and lead others to the Lord



KNOW WHAT

Practices, services, roles



Processes

Lead to conversion, change of mind and heart, among participants and team members

Witness and call people to a deeper relationship with and commitment to Jesus Christ

Form participants, team members, and the wider parish community



KNOW WHAT

Practices, services, roles



Parish

A community of disciples on a journey of lifelong transformation

The “home and school of communion”

Vitally alive in faith





REFLECT ON LIFE IN YOUR PARISH OR DIOCESE

What **vision** do you have for your community? Is the vision shared by all?

What **values**, strengths, or principles guide discernment and decision-making?

What **practices** currently contribute to your parish or diocese living its vision?



Your Partner in Ministry

Complementary Resources

Workshop slides, videos, and worksheets

Workbook
Mentoring

Masterclasses



Stewardship Formation
Email blasts, websites, bulletin
Homily connections
Meeting outline



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Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

THE BASICS.
Sometimes it is good for us to get back to basics. At home, we might set aside time for dinner and conversation rather than family members rushing off to separate activities. In our lives of faith, Jesus says we are called to two foundational actions: love God, love neighbor.

LOVE GOD.
Love God, love our neighbor. It sounds so simple. And yet, we know that it is anything but simple. Loving God and neighbor requires commitment. Loving God requires us to place our trust in One who cannot be seen and yet knows us better than we know ourselves. Loving God calls us to order our lives in relationship to God and God's ways, the way of self-giving love. When our heart is centered on God, we will see ourselves as uniquely created, God's very own. When we love God with all our soul, we find peace in the midst of turmoil. When our mind is focused through faith, we seek what is good, right, and just before all things.

LOVE NEIGHBOR.
Loving our neighbor is the way in which we show our love for God. When we love God with our whole being, we understand that our neighbor is a child of God, one who is God's prized possession, just as each of us is. The truth is that every person is created out of love, for love. As Christ himself taught us, whatever we do for the least among us, we do for him. Loving our neighbor is, after all, our greatest act of faith, of discipleship, and of stewardship.

IT'S TIME.
Most of us have thought about these things many times in the past, but may have done little to change our routines, behaviors or habits. One of the reasons the three-year Lectionary cycle of readings is so helpful is that we hear passages like this again and again. We hear and reflect on God's word in light of the very real circumstances of our lives. Think for just a moment about what was happening in your life three years ago. Surely you heard the Sunday readings differently than you do now. The gospel passages we hear this month challenge us to not be passive recipients of God's gracious love. Let this be the year we take Jesus' two great commandments more fully to heart, and act accordingly: love God, love neighbor.

TAKE THE CALL TO HEART.
What would our lives look like if we really took to heart the two intertwined commandments that Jesus places before us? Would we re-order our days in order to spend time with God in prayer? Would we become more attentive to the needs of others? Might we recognize our talents as gifts from God, and more readily give the gifts back, with increase, at home, in our parish, and the world? Would we consider that the way we spend time, money and attention are signs of our priorities?

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Bear good fruit that endures.

