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1st Ship

Relationship

Although Thomas the twin was one of the twelve disciples, he wasn't with the others when Jesus appeared to them.

So they told him,

"We have seen the Lord!"

John 20:24,25

**Stewardship always starts
with the personal experience
of the Risen Christ in our
midst and in our hearts.**

Bishop Sylvester D. Ryan, NCCB Chairman, Adhoc Committee on Stewardship

How do we grow
in our relationship
with Jesus?

“How can we truly know Christ so as to be able to follow him and live with him, so as to find life in him and to communicate that life to others, to society and to the world? First and foremost, Christ makes his person, his life and his teaching known to us through the Word of God. At the beginning of this new phase that the missionary Church in Latin America and the Caribbean is preparing to enter, an indispensable pre-condition is profound knowledge of the Word of God.”

Matthew 6:25-33

1st Ship Discussion Questions?

1. Jesus invites us to put God first, to do what He wants us to do, and to trust explicitly in Him. Can you think of a recent example where you let go, trusted less in yourself and trusted more in God?
2. In what ways do you “deny yourself” in order to develop your relationship with Christ, with others?

2nd Ship

Discipleship

Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to themselves.

Stewardship – A Disciple's Response, 1992 NCCB Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

There is a strong tendency to privatize faith,
to push it to the margins of society,
confining it to people's hearts or, at best,
their homes, while excluding it from the
marketplace of ideas where social policy is
formed and men and women acquire their
view of life and its meaning.

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2nd Ship Discussion Questions?

1. Christ's call to be a disciple is a personal one... but being a disciple is not meant to be just a matter of private devotion. Jesus not only calls us, He forms us, and sends us out with a mission. In what ways do you follow Jesus and try to live His life as your own outside of Church?
2. Being a disciple today is not easy. We must "deny ourselves" so that our response to Christ's call may be complete. What does this mean for you?

3rd Ship

Stewardship

Definition of A Steward?

Steward / stju:əd / *n.*

a property manager

Stewardship / v.

act as a steward (of)

NOT the Owner!

Manage / məˈnɪdʒ/v. (-ing)

organize; regulate; be in charge

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Stewardship is a Response to
Discipleship, which is lived out in
Relationship with Jesus the Son of God...
Our Leader!



The Stewards Virtues...

Gratitude

Generosity

Trust

3rd Ship Discussion Questions?

1. At the heart of stewardship is an “Attitude of Gratitude”. Yet so often we take many things in life for granted, we may even feel we are entitled to some things. Stewardship reminds us that everything is a gift from God! What are some of the things you are most grateful for?
2. In what ways might you ‘deny yourself’ or, put God first, so that you may be more generous with your time, your gifts, and your financial resources?

4th Ship

Leadership

Lead Like Jesus!

Leading like Jesus means we
must 'deny' ourselves
(setting aside PRIDE & FEAR)
& trust in God's plan for us!

Vatican II Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People

“Lay people’s right and duty to be Apostles derives from their union with Christ their head. Inserted into the mystical body of Christ by baptism and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit in confirmation, it is by the Lord himself that they are assigned to the Apostolate”

Vatican II Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People

“Lay people ought themselves to take on as their distinctive task the renewal of the temporal order”

Lead Like Jesus

The book!

Servant

Shepherd

Steward

Success in life?

“Depends on your relationship with Christ and what level of control you will let him have in your life.”

To Serve!

To Shepherd

The Shepherd Leader cares for
others!

People don't care about
how much you know...

until they know how much
you care!

Being a Steward

Helps us in being
effective Christian
Leaders!

**Life Role
Leadership**

Parent

Spouse

Sibling

Friend

**Organizational
Leadership**

Subordinates

Supervisor

Co-worker

Constituants

Hoarding Power...

**Stifles gifts and inhibits
the Holy Spirit!**

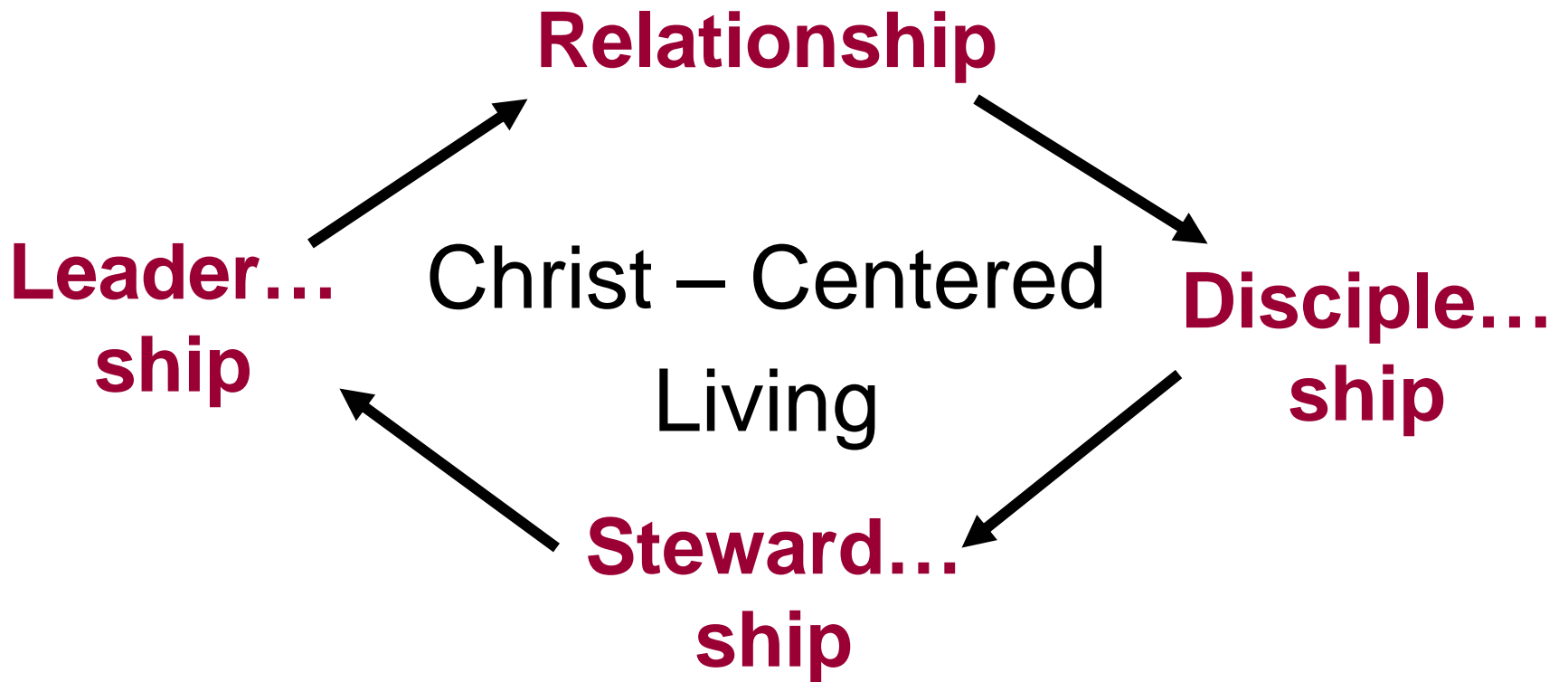
5 Practices of Exemplary Leaders

- MODEL THE WAY
- INSPIRE A SHARED VISION
- CHALLENGE THE Status Quo
- ENABLE OTHERS TO ACT
- ENCOURAGE THE HEART

4th Ship Discussion Questions?

Lead like Jesus!

1. What is motivating you to be a Christian leader?
2. Christian Leadership is helping others develop in their faith and in the way in which they live out their faith. Is there anything about yourself that you need to change or set aside [deny self] in order to be a more effective Christian leader?



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