



# Stewardship is THE Answer

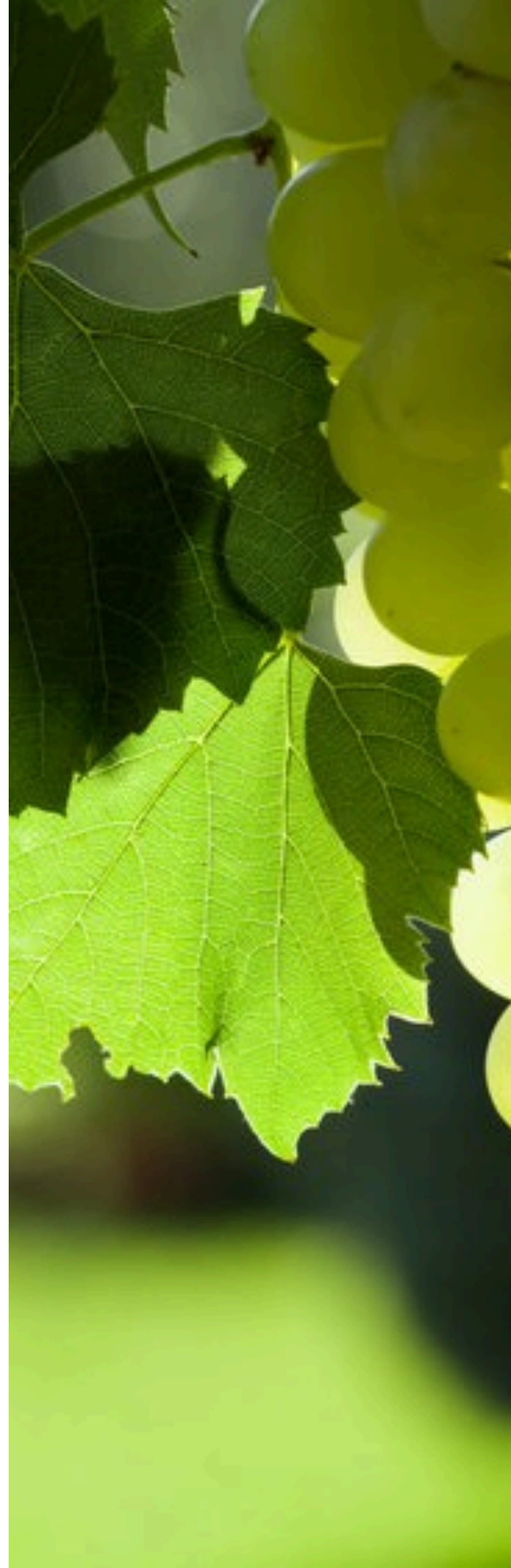
## A blueprint for parishes after Covid-19





# Calling the Questions

**What is in your heart and on your mind?  
What do you wonder about the future  
for your parish?**



# THE GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP

“Stewardship is an expression of discipleship with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives.” —SDR, 3



# YOUR DEFINING MOMENT

*How has stewardship  
changed how you  
understand  
and live out your life?*

# THE IMPACT OF GRATITUDE

*The difference thankfulness makes*

“Gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships.”

— Giving thanks can make you happier  
Harvard Health Publishing, August 2021



# OUR “WHY”

*Share the difference stewardship makes*

- Be prepared to witness!
- Magnify grace with gratitude
- Discipleship - faith in daily life



# SEEING ANEW: WHAT WAS AND IS

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles...”*

## Word



“But those sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.” (Mk 4:20)

## Service



“Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others.”  
(Aparecida, 350 quoted in EG, 10)

## Worship



“We seek to form adults who actively cultivate a lively baptismal and eucharistic spirituality with a powerful sense of mission and apostolate.”  
(OHWB, 17)

## Community



The parish...is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach. (EG, 27)

# SEEING ANEW: WHAT WAS AND IS

*“...All who believed were together and had all things in common...and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.” — Acts 2:42ff*



## Word

How do you (personally and your parish) hear and live the Good News of Jesus Christ?



## Worship

How do you live a “lively baptismal and eucharistic spirituality with a powerful sense of mission and apostolate?”



## Service

How do you invite, encourage, and form people to be good stewards of all they are, have, and will be?



## Community

How is your parish a community of faith in which people belong to Christ and to one another?



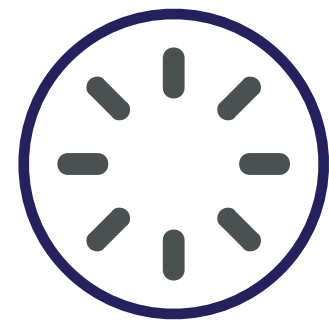


# WHAT WAS? WHAT IS?

*What was or is  
“working?”*

If helpful,  
think in the categories of  
word, worship,  
service, community

# EVANGELIZING COMMUNITY



## Hospitality

Think beyond the doors of church. Help people to feel at home at your parish. Fuel warmth. Strengthen relationships.



## Belonging

Show care. Have empathy. Help people offer their gifts in new and profound ways. Stretch yourself and your community.



## Witness

Share Christ's love, person-to-person. Live Eucharist. Sacrifice. Be "best neighbors."

# SHAPE PARISH CULTURE

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- Vision
- Values
- Strengths
- Practice

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- Gratitude
- Discipleship
- Call/Vocation
- Discernment



# YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

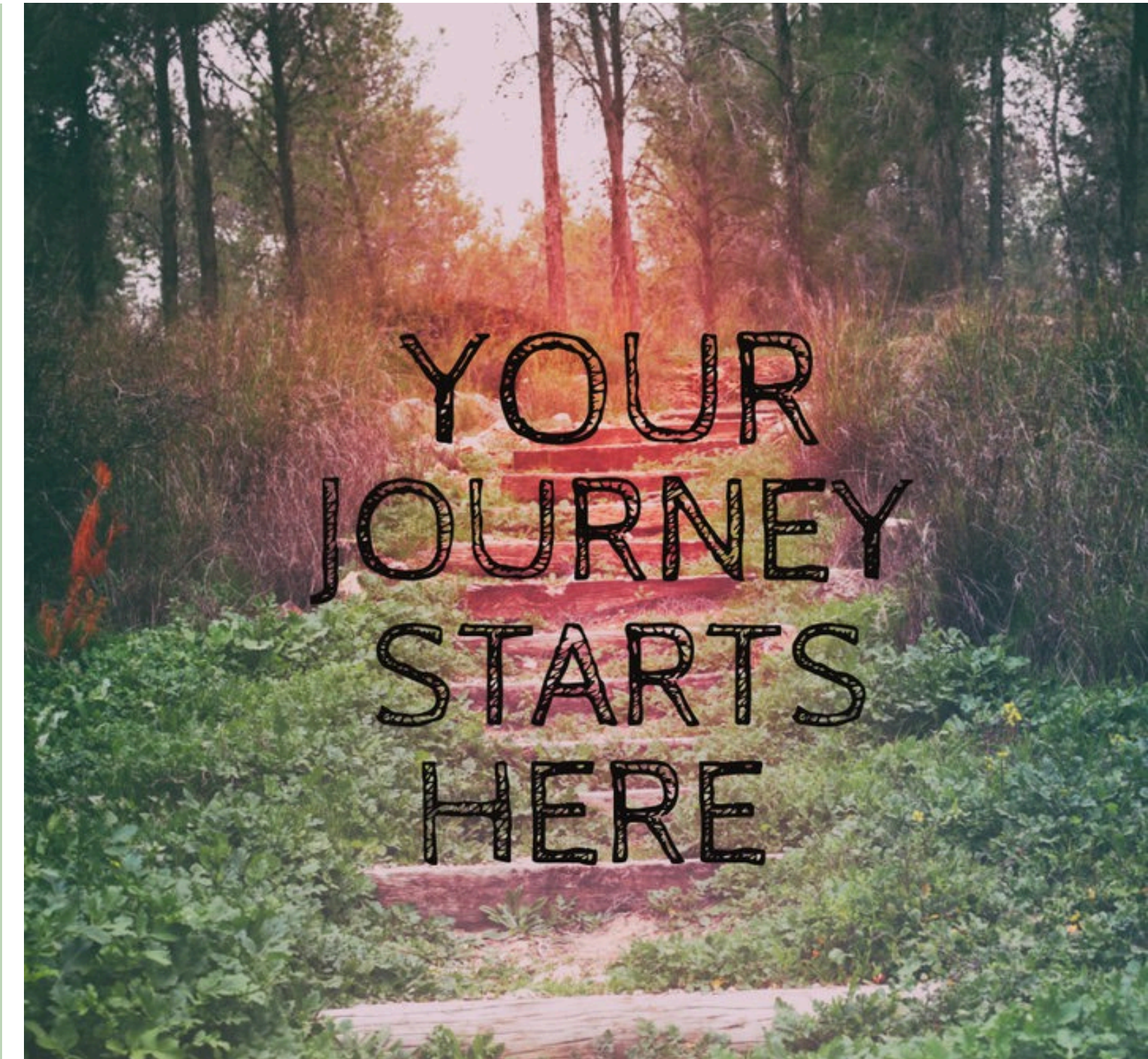
*What comes to mind  
for you?*

*Where might you and  
your parish focus time  
and attention?*

# IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE



**Get clear on your vision**  
**Build a vision team**  
**Plan for it**  
**Share the vision**  
**Make the vision reality**





Plan for  
a new  
day

**DREAM - Vision**

**DISCOVER - What was and is**

**DISCERN - See potential**

**DO - Commit to action**

Renewing   
Evangelization  
Through Stewardship

# THE TIME IS NOW

This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
— Ps 118:24

“Stewardship always starts with the personal experience of the Risen Christ in our midst and in our hearts. It is a vocation to discipleship. The following of Christ as a disciple entails a personal response, and this call can result in a positive impact on our faith communities.”

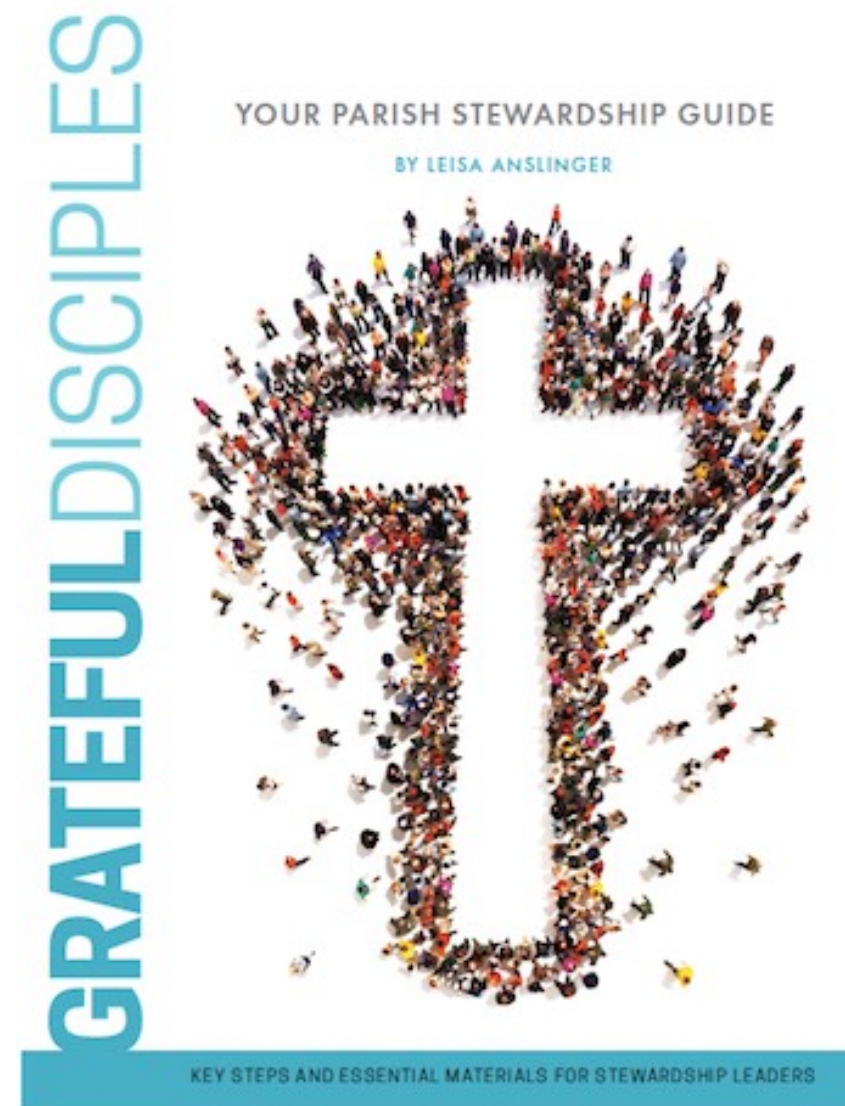
— SDR, Preface





# FOR MORE

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<https://GratefulDisciples.net>

Slide PDF, handouts, complimentary resources

<https://clfcenter.mn.co>

Threaded discussions, courses, networking