



## Time to Reflect

# Grateful Disciples as Stewards

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Use the questions below to guide your reflection and sharing on key themes of stewardship: gratitude; discipleship; grateful response. Keep the sheet below and add your thoughts throughout the next few weeks, as you take the stewardship message to heart.

“Disciples who practice stewardship recognize God as the original of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be.” (SDR, Intro) Reflect on your life. Think about the many ways in which you are blessed, with life, faith, talents, resources, relationships. For what are you most grateful?

“They know themselves to be recipients and caretakers of God’s many gifts. They are grateful for what they have received and eager to cultivate their gifts out of love for God and one another.” (SDR, Intro) What gifts and blessings do you currently share as a steward? What aspects of your life need to be cultivated and grown, in response to your gratitude to God for these blessings?

“Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime. At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting and loving God’s will. Being a disciple is not just something else to do, alongside many other things suitable for Christians; it is a total way of life and requires continuing conversion.” (SDR, 15) How have you answered Christ’s call to discipleship? How does being a disciple shape your life?

“Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to themselves.” (SDR, Intro) In what ways do you perceive Jesus calling you to share of yourself and your gifts? What is the “cost” of discipleship for you?