

The Journey of Stewardship!!

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*The Stewardship
Poem...Back Cover*



Welcome again to Archery Ministries! We hope and pray that these next few weeks will be a rewarding experience for you. You may be wondering how archery and church go together. Well, hang on because the journey continues once you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and are striving to live out your life in discipleship.

The study you are about to begin is called *Anchor Point: Establishing a Foundation for a Life of Stewardship*. What does that mean? Hopefully through this study you will understand that God loves you and has a plan for how you should be a good steward as you live your life as God's servant. During this study, you'll use *The Stewardship Poem* which was written to help you understand what the next step is once you have made a decision to follow Christ and you are striving to be His Disciple. Basically, the lessons in this study will help you understand how we should live our lives in Christ and be good stewards in all aspects of our everyday living. And, as if that wasn't cool enough, we're going to learn more about archery in the process!

So listen up! We're all going to learn something new in the next few weeks.

Anchor Point is divided into eight sections, or Ranges, that will take you beyond the basics of shooting a bow and arrow to a more in-depth critique of your shooting form and performance. Some of you may have been shooting for a long time and see no need for any help. Everyone will benefit from this course because critical practice is a tremendous help for everyone. We hope that you will take this important step seriously. While archery is very important to this study (and there's going to be a lot of shooting!), this handbook was created to help you focus on the many spiritual ways to continue your journey with Christ. Don't worry we know none of us like homework! Because of that, the lessons are developed to be concise and to the point without missing the focus! Each study should take you about 45 minutes. However, we encourage you to study further and be in prayer about what God has in store for you!

Finally, we wish you blessings on your journey and will be praying for your success as you undertake this program. We thank God for your effort and hope that you will find success in archery and, most importantly, that this study will help you to make Christ the target of your life!

Let the journey continue!!!

God Bless,

Your Archery Team Leaders

Leader Suggestions:
Theme: "Stewardship"

Introduction:

1. **Welcome and Prayer** (Lord's Prayer may be appropriate if there are a lot of new Christians in the group).

Study Suggestions:

1. **Review the previous two studies in your archery journey as you begin with the students.**
2. **Follow the questions and readings in the student manual as you help the archers remember their previous archery and study classes.**
3. **The story "It's Mine" is to help you and the students to feel what it is like to be a steward instead of an owner.**

a) **Bring a prize possession with you and describe how important it is for you to steward and honor it because it is God's gift to you.**

b) **Ask the students to share with the group prize possessions that they have.**

c) **Ask what they think of the Biblical affirmation that everything belongs to God and that God has entrusted it to us.**

What is a Steward?

As we get started, let's review what we learned about God's plan of salvation by filling in the missing words to the **Salvation Poem**.

Jesus, You _____
upon a _____
And _____ again
to _____ the _____.
Forgive me now
of all my _____
Come be my _____,
_____, and _____.
Change my _____
And _____ it _____
And _____ me, _____,
To _____ for _____.

Now let's look at what it means to be a disciple of Christ by filling in the missing words to the **Disciple Poem**.

Jesus, Your _____
in my _____ each day,
Gives me _____ and
_____ along life's way.
Enable me to _____
in _____ of life,
and be Your loving _____
in joy or strife.
Give me _____
to see the _____ ahead,
And _____ to embrace
_____ who tread.

Review of our Journey

Anchor Point

Psalm 24

Range Memory Verse

- "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it."
Psalm 24:1

Shot Set-up

- God is the Owner of everything that we have currently or ever will have. The Bible is the Word of God and gives us a picture of God's saving plan for all God's creation through Jesus Christ. Jesus' death upon the cross and resurrection from the dead reveals how much God loves us. Through God's forgiveness and our acceptance of Jesus as our Savior and Lord our lives are transformed, our past is forgotten, and we are invited to walk the way of Christ into God's future.

Spiritual Goals

- Review the Salvation Poem
- Review the Disciple Poem
- Taking the next step with Stewardship

Archery Goals

- Review of Range Rules
- Review of Basic Handling of bow
- Review of Commands
- Review of 11 Steps of Archery

1 First Range

Conclusion:

1. Have some of the students share their definition of steward.
2. Review the 80-10-10 plan that is life and world changing.
3. During this week, pray daily for each student and thank God for allowing you the blessing of teaching God's biblical concepts of stewardship. Make it a great week!
4. Recite the Stewardship poem in unison.
5. Pray in unison the 1st Range Prayer.

Do you remember the eleven steps to Archery Success? List them in the box below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____

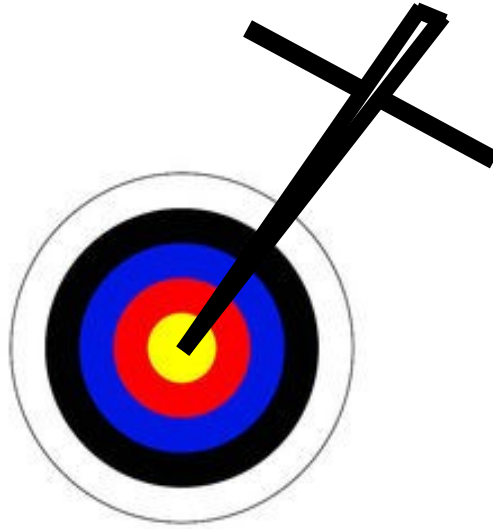
Extra Notes:

Know the Word

In light of what we've discussed, what responsibilities do we share on this journey of stewardship?

1st Range Prayer:

God, thank you for giving us the ability to become good stewards. Thank you for giving me the gift of eternal life through your Son Jesus Christ. I know that I have responsibilities to share in a safe way as I continue to learn the sport of archery. Thank you for my instructors and their leading me to know you and enjoy myself as I learn to be a steward and an archer. Amen.



Range

Taking Aim at A Life of Discipleship

The Disciple Poem

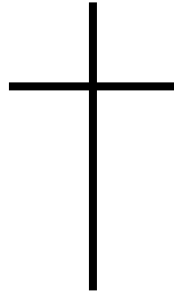
Jesus, Your Presence in my life each day - Mark 12:30-31
Gives me strength and courage along life's way - Joshua 1:9
Enable me to walk in newness of life - Matthew 5:13-14
And be Your loving servant in joy or strife - Matthew 25:29
Give me eyes to see the journey ahead - Matthew 4:19
And hands to embrace others who tread - Luke 10:27

The next step is Stewardship.

The Stewardship Poem

My life does not belong to me - Psalm 24
My body, this earth, even the sea - Psalm 24
I am in partnership with God - 1 Corinthians 3:7-9
Caring for myself, the environment, the sod - Romans 12:1-2
Life is a gracious, precious, and awesome gift - Ezekiel 34:3
Living with gratitude is my way to uplift - Luke 12:33-34
Generosity is our way to share - 2 Corinthians 9:6
Revealing to God and others that we care - 1 Corinthians 12:58
What a blessing God gives us to show - Proverbs 11:25
Let us live to bless strangers and people we know - Matthew 5:13-14

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The Disciple Poem

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