

2005 Re/O-Dis/O Theme: Stewardship

Song: Come to the Water

Leader:

At the various discernment days and Big-O, soon to be volunteers expressed their gratitude for the opportunity they have been given to volunteer, for the opportunity to serve. It seems we all realize that God has entrusted us with this world, and specifically this mission.

1st Reader:

Jesus said, "It's the faithful and far-sighted steward that the owner leaves to supervise the staff and give them their rations at the proper time. Happy the steward whom the owner, upon returning, finds busy! The truth is, the owner will put the steward in charge of the entire estate. But let's say the steward thinks, "The owner is slow in returning and begins to abuse the other staff members, eating and drinking and getting drunk. When the owner returns unexpectedly the steward will be punished severely and ranked among those undeserving of trust.

"The staff members who knew the owners wishes but didn't work to fulfill them will get a severe punishment, whereas the one who didn't know them, even though deserving of a severe punishment- will get off with a milder correction. From those who have been given much, much will be required; from those who have been entrusted much, much more will be asked." - Luke 12: 35-48

Reflection Questions:

What is expected of stewards?

How do we respond to this trust God has put in us?

How can we show gratitude for this opportunity to volunteer?

God trusts us to carry out His mission. Who else's trust has been put in our care as JVI?

2nd Reader:

Read Matthew 25:14-27 "Parable of the talents"

All:

Prayer for Stewardship

Father, your son taught us to pray, "Thy will be done". Help us in our daily life to understand your will and to be obedient. Make your children responsible stewards of the gifts you have given us in your earthly kingdom, and fill our hearts with joyful thanksgiving when we use our time, talent, and treasure to show forth your love in the world. When our faith falters remind us that we need not fear for the future, for you will always care for our needs.