



Purple Church, Red State: Navigating Stewardship in an Age of Polarization

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Workshop Goals

- Share stories from a purple church in a red state
- Explore strategies for navigating stewardship in polarized times
- Provide sermon series resources
- Invite shared discussion & learning



The Challenge of Polarization

- Politics & faith colliding in the pews
- Different visions of what stewardship funds
- Story: “In God We Trust” on the courthouse walls and in the public schools



Biblical and Theological Grounding

- Keep it grounded in scripture:
- <https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/resources/newsletters/ten-scriptures-for-your-stewardship-theme/>
- “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it...” (Psalm 24:1-5)
- “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, honor God with your first fruits” (Proverbs 3:5-9)
- Stewardship = discipleship, gratitude, shared mission



Strategies for Engagement

- Listen first
- Focus on shared mission
- Frame conversations biblically and theologically
- Preach with hope



Stories: Shared Mission

- Flood relief & Pine Ridge trip → unity through service
- Solar panels on the church → finding points of intersection and unity

Sermon Series Resources

- Revised Common Lectionary Stewardship Series
- Narrative Lectionary: Building the Beloved Community
- Bonus Narrative Lectionary Stewardship Series
- Practical outlines for pastors, elders, & members
- bit.ly/SK-Sermons



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Practical Takeaways

- Stewardship = more than fundraising
- Preach abundance, not scarcity
- Focus on HOPE!
- Use mission projects as living stewardship sermons
- Keep conversations rooted in gratitude and discipleship



Discussion Time

- What challenges are you facing?
- What strategies work in your context?
- How can we build common ground together?



Closing

- Key takeaway: Stewardship builds the Beloved Community
- Hope > Fear
Abundance > Scarcity
Faith > Polarization
- Thank you