



Preaching Stewardship to Skeptics and Cynics

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Workshop Agenda

- Local Church Context
- Stewardship/Generosity Frameworks for Communications
- Stewardship/Generosity Frameworks for Sermons

Local Church Context

Histories of Financial Management,
Explicit and Implicit Expectations

Exegeting the Congregation

- What is the history of financial management?
- What is the history/pattern for giving/pledging?
- Where do we need to address concern for:
 - Belief in the Mission
 - Belief in the Leadership
 - Belief in the Financial Stewardship

Narrative Budgets

An Annual Framework for Communication

Ministry Team/Committee Model

- Leadership
- Purpose
- Challenges/Opportunities
- Stories of Impact
- Financial Overview (goal?)

Vision & Mission Statement

- Christ Centered
- Open and Welcoming Community
- Addressing the Challenges of our Time
 - Matthew 25
 - Earth Care
 - Other???

Bethany Model

- Ways We Were Challenged
- Ways We Saw God Move
- Ways We Adapted and Innovated
- Ways God is Leading Us Forward

Capital & Annual Campaign

- Capital
 - Vision & Priorities,
 - Benefits & Timeline
 - Budget
- Annual:
 - Ministry Highlights
 - Why Pledging Matters
 - Financial Overview

Preaching Generosity

Sermon Outlines & Ideas

Living Generously, Living Abundantly

- Why Give Generously
 - Worship, Gratitude, Partnership with God
- What to Give Generously
 - Wesley's Wisdom
 - Testimony
 - Ubuntu

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Member Video Testimony

Living Generously, Living Abundantly

- How to Give Generously
 - Beuchner's Calling
 - Know, Care & Act
 - Lenses for Living Generously

A Life of Generosity

“Unsung Hero” Thai Insurance Commercial

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaWA2GbcnJU>

Additional Sermon Ideas

- Fruit of the Spirit (living beyond yourself)
- The Peaceable Kingdom
- Lowering the Paralytic Man
- Others?

Thank You!

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