



The Grateful Disciples Retreat Leader's Notes

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this essential ministry as you and your team bring the message of stewardship to your Family of Parishes. Before the retreat:

Form a small team of people to coordinate and facilitate the day together

Leader

Readers (3-4)

Witnesses (if possible/ready)

Details – room, food, name tags, materials

Hospitality

If technology is available, use the video linked here as part of Session 1:

<https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/282666971>

Consider paraphrasing Stewardship Reflections or invite a small group to prepare to read sections.

Invite someone to offer a witness after the Reflection is read.

The **Leader** takes responsibility for familiarizing him/herself with the process in advance so that the day progresses smoothly.

Readers prepare their readings ahead of time.

Witnesses prepare a 3-4 minute talk. A guide to preparing a lay witness is available here:

<https://www.gratefuldisciples.net/form> (The password is prayerfulstewards)

Those offering hospitality arrive ahead of time, greet people as they arrive, share housekeeping details as appropriate, invite people to sign in and wear a nametag.

Those responsible for details ensure the room is reserved, facilitate set-up, make copies of the retreat booklet for participants, have name tags and markers ready, and coordinate snacks/meal.

Possible Timeline

5-hour retreat with lunch

Approximate Time Allotment	Topic	Notes
15 minutes	Welcome, hospitality, introductions at tables	
5 minutes	Opening prayer	Use prayer to the Holy Spirit. Include in participant packet
10 minutes	Video (if using)	
40 minutes	Session 1 with sharing at tables	
15 minutes	Break	
40 minutes	Session 2 with sharing	
45 minutes	Lunch break	
40 minutes	Session 3 with sharing	
15 minutes	Break	
40 minutes	Session 4 with sharing	
15 minutes	Closing remarks, prayer	