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### The Journey of Stewardship!!

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

# Stewardship

# 1 First Range

#### 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**.

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

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| Give me            |                   |
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| 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

### Know the Word

| Read Psalm 24                         |  |  |  |
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| What does this Scripture mean to you? |  |  |  |
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In the Old Testament Jacob was running away from his brother Esau and stopped in Bethel to spend the night. He made a pillow out of rocks and when he went to sleep Jacob began to dream. He saw a ladder stretched between Heaven and earth and angels ascending and descending on the ladder. When he awakened he affirmed that God was in that place. Later in Jacob's life of trickery he found himself needing the assurance of God's presence and he remembered Bethel. He said to himself that he needed to return to Bethel so that he could experience God's presence and the assurance he felt that God was with him. Remembering is a key component in our lives that enables us to return to the places and times that we have experienced God with us.

I tell everyone when they become Christians that there will be days that doubt will creep into their lives and that it is normal for all of us. When doubt arises it is the time for us to go back in our minds to the places where we have experienced God. We go back to those precious moments because in remembering we realize that nothing or no one can take away from us our experiences of the graceful kind with God. Take a mind trip right now to remember when you chose to walk with Christ! Remembering is awesome!

Do you remember our archery rules? How important is it to follow these rules every time we shoot. Do you remember the four (4) whistle commands and their meaning?

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Today we are trying to remember important aspects of our lives and our relationship with Christ. We also are trying to remember the important aspects of archery to enable us to be successful as we journey through Anchor Point.

Remembering is an important part of continuing to shoot with a bow and arrow and to live our lives successfully and significantly as a follower of Jesus Christ.

# 1 First Range

| When we make a decision to be a follower of Jesus Christ, we take on the responsibility to become His disciple and to show others the love of God. Briefly share how you are fulfilling the Great Commandment to  | Know the Word  |
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| love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and   | Read again Psalm 24  |
| love your neighbor as you love yourself.  | What does this Scripture tell us about how we should be good stewards? |
| Now let's say the Stewardship Poem together. It can be  | <del></del>  |
| found on the back of this lesson book.  |  |
| It's Mine!  |  |
| My grandchildren were playing in the play room at our home when a discussion broke out about a particular toy that two of the grandchildren wanted at the same time. As the discussion began to heat up I overheard one of the grandchildren say, "It's Mine".  Do you have a prize possession? Do you have something that is very special to you? Perhaps it is a Nintendo DS or a stuffed bear or a watch? Whatever that prize possession is have you ever thought that it might not belong to you? The Psalmist wrote, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it." Would you treat possessions differently if you believed that God had entrusted those things to you and that your responsibility was to use them wisely for the glory of God? Would you give differently, eat differently, exercise differently, play differently, work differently if you believed that you were a steward and not an owner? It is a great question for us to ask of ourselves! It's mine! Really? What does it mean to you to be a steward? |  |
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# 1 First Range

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

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| Extra Notes: |  |  |
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### **Know the Word**

| In light of what we've discussed, what responsibilities do we share on this journey of stewardship? |  |  |
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### 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 - Luke10:27

### 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

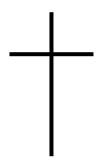
Generosity is our way to share - 2 Corinthians 9:6

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

Jesus, Your Presence
in my life each day

Gives me strength and courage
along life's way.
Enable me to walk
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And be Your loving servant
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