



CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

TO: WBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS

SUBJECT: STEWARD LEADERSHIP

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Opening Prayer
- WBC Mission Statement
- **Scripture:** Acts of the Apostles 20: 28-38
- Silent Meditation
- Sharing Insights on Scripture

Reading: Nolan, James. "Steward Leadership." *Woodstock Report* October 2010, No. 98: pp. 1, 4.

- Discussion and Reflection
- Closing Prayer

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Woodstock Business Conference is to establish and lead a network of business leaders to explore their respective religious traditions in order to ask the individual executives:

- To integrate faith, family, and professional life,
- To develop a corporate culture that is reflective of their religious faith and values,
- To exercise a beneficial influence upon society at large.

The Conference, grounded in Roman Catholic tradition, welcomes believers who are open to and respectful of one another's religious traditions. It is committed to the conviction that ethics and values grow out of one's religious heritage.

SCRIPTURE: Acts of the Apostles 20: 28-38

Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, in which you tend the church of God that he acquired with his own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come among you, and they will not spare the flock. And from your own group, men will come forward perverting the truth to draw the disciples away after them. So be vigilant and remember that for three years, night and day, I unceasingly admonished each of you with tears. And now I commend you to God and to that gracious word of his that can build you up and give you the inheritance among all who are consecrated. I have never wanted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You know well that these very hands have served my needs and my companions. In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" When he had finished speaking he knelt down and prayed with them all. They were all weeping loudly as they threw their arms around Paul and kissed him, for they were deeply distressed that he had said that they would never see his face again. Then they escorted him to the ship.

Questions:

1. Recall an example of a leader in your experience that demonstrated the characteristics of a steward leader as defined in Jim Nolan's article.
2. Recall a time when you were confronted with a moment of truth or key decision. What thought process informed your decision?
3. What emotions, affections, passions were in play and how did they inform your judgment or decision?
4. What good or insight did you derive from the experience? Do you see application today for "Be attentive, be intelligent, be reasonable, and be responsible"?

READING:

- Nolan, James. "Steward Leadership." *Woodstock Report* October 2010, No. 98: pp. 1, 4.