

# Discernment

## The call to follow Jesus

“The Foundation of Discernment”

The Word of God

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*“Let God transform you into a new person by **changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.**” Romans 12:2*

### Knowing the Word is key to knowing God’s voice....

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”* Isaiah 55:8-9

*“Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life.”* Isaiah 55:3

### The Holy Spirit makes enables me to understand the Bible

*“when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth.”* John 16:13

*“You have been taught the Holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God’s way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God **wants us to do.**”* 2 Timothy 3:15-17

God’s Word isn’t only for information, but for life transformation

In Following Jesus, we have both certainty & uncertainty.

**Certainty:** What we can know for sure – God’s Word

**Uncertainty:** What we must discern, learn OR trust

### God’s Word is a COMPASS for us. It brings us back to certainty - TRUTH

Who is God? What is He doing in the world? What is the purpose of life?

Who am I? Why am I here? What is my part? What is the purpose of MY life?

*“So be careful how you live. Don’t live like ignorant people, but like wise people... Don’t be fools, then, but try to find out what the Lord wants you to do.”* Ephesians 5:15,17

God’s Word is a foundation of truth that narrows our need for discernment

*Sets-Boundaries for my decisions*

*“Your word is a **lamp for my feet, a light on my path.**”* Psalm 119:105

### **To be discerning people we must live by & see life through The Word**

QUESTIONS for Reflection:

What are your favorite parts of God’s Word? Why?

What is a passage of scripture that has impacted your life? In what way?

Do you have habits that help you live by God’s Word?

How does God’s word help you discern God’s voice?