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DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

February 9, 2025 | Charting the Course: Week 5

**Memory Verse** "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." - Galatians 5:16



### CLOSER TOGETHER \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you ever experienced a good tour guide, hunting guide, or sportscaster? Talk about what made that person so good at their craft.
2. High, low, buffalo. Tell about one high, one low, and/or one buffalo (interesting) moment from this past day or week.



### MESSAGE REFLECTION \_\_\_\_\_

1. Share something from the service or message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
2. Read **Philippians 4:6** together. Share about a time that you put this verse into practice. What was the result? If you haven't yet put this verse into practice, what might it look like for you to do so?
3. How do wisdom and discernment work in tandem to help in decision-making? Where is the source for both of these according to **James 1:5 & Philippians 1:9-11**.
4. Read **John 14:15-17, 25-26** together. What are five of the primary roles or jobs of the Holy Spirit according to these verses?
5. Read **John 10:4-5, 27** together. What is one way that you can hear the Holy Spirit clearer in your life? What has been an obstacle for you to be able to hear from God with clarity?
6. **Review** the six questions for discernment that Pastor William shared with us. Share about a time you were nudged by the Holy Spirit to do something. Which one or more of the six questions applied to your situation?



## GOING DEEPER \_\_\_\_\_

READ 1 John 4:1-6 together.

1. What is something from this passage that stands out to you?
2. What is one way you can “test the spirits to see whether they are from God?”(v 1)
3. How does learning about and understanding theological beliefs such as the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of the Incarnation help you become a more discerning follower of Jesus?
4. How might an evil spirit deceive a Christ follower when it comes to trying to discern the will of God? Have you ever seen this happen in your life or in someone close to you?
5. What might it look like to claim the truth from verse 4 in your life?
6. How can you determine if a nudge or teaching is *not* from God? (**see v 5**) Where have you seen false teaching about God occur in modern culture?
7. Why does who or what you listen to matter?



## LIVING IT OUT \_\_\_\_\_

1. Make a list of the ways you are intentionally learning to hear God’s voice better. Make a list of “voices” in your life that could negatively influence what you hear from God. Commit to removing at least one “voice” from that list to hear God better.
2. Write down the six-question matrix for discerning the will of God. Hang it on your fridge or somewhere you can see it daily to remind you to ask these questions as you discern God’s will.



## LIFT EACH OTHER UP \_\_\_\_\_

*Take time to pray for each other.*