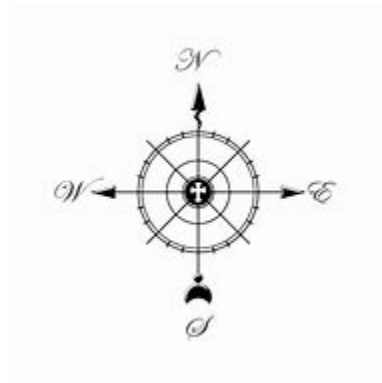


**Discernment: Session 1 – March 12, 2025**  
**“The Compass of the Christian Walk” (the compass is not the destination!)**

## What is Discernment? What is Christian Discernment?

Discernment is both a spiritual gift and a skill that believers are encouraged to develop through prayer, study of Scripture, and reliance on the Holy Spirit.



## Discernment in Christian History

Throughout Church history, discernment has played a crucial role in shaping Christian tradition and doctrine: the early Christian councils, the Reformation, in contemporary Christian life.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer recognizing “right and wrong.”
- Charles Spurgeon recognizing “right and almost right”

## Scripture

- 1 Kings 3:9 – see 1 Kings 3:1-12
- Hebrews 5:14 – see Hebrews 5:11-14
- Proverbs 3:5-6 – see Proverbs 3:1-8
- Philippians 1:9-10 – see Philippians 1:3-11

## Reflection

Which of these scripture readings strike a resonant chord with you? (feel free to journal this week!) What would be a short prayer for each of these? What is your prayer to engage the Holy Spirit for discernment this week?

## Session 2: Next Week

Developing Discernment & The Fruits of the Spirit

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:16-26, James 5:13-18, Romans 12:1-8.