



“Learn to Discern”

Luke 2:40,52 and Proverbs 17:24

Bottom line: Discernment is a gift from God we can grow in and practice with grace.

1. What are some of the “less weighty” (this is not the same as inconsequential) decisions you’re in the midst of making? What are some of the heavier decisions you are in the midst of right now?
2. How do you feel or experience the “look within” philosophy playing out in your life and in our culture? Why do you think it is, or could be, problematic?
3. If God is our ultimate source of truth and wisdom, how do we cultivate Godly discernment? What are some of your greatest challenges in cultivating discernment?
4. Read Proverbs 2:3-6
 - a. How do these verses describe the pursuit of wisdom? Is it casual or fairly intense?
 - b. How would you describe your level of pursuit when it comes to wisdom?
5. Who are some of the people you look to for wisdom, and why?
6. Are there any areas of your life where you know what you ought to do, but you aren’t doing it? Would you be willing to share those? What’s keeping you from following the wisdom you know to be right? What might it look like for you to turn away from those things this week?
7. Jesus was both filled with wisdom and covered with grace (Luke 2:40 and 52). What does it look like when we practice wisdom and share wisdom with grace? What does it look like when we practice and share wisdom without grace?