



## You Don't Have to "Miss" God | Blake Austin | 7.6.25

### Opening Prayer:

Ask God to guide your discussion and help everyone apply the message to their lives.

### Key Takeaways:

1. Discernment is crucial in navigating the complexities of life and the current state of the world.
2. True discernment comes from the Holy Spirit, not just intellectual knowledge.
3. We need to renew our minds daily to align with God's perspective.
4. Maturity in discernment comes through consistent practice.
5. Seeking godly wisdom zealously leads to a closer relationship with God.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Blake mentioned feeling confused about world events and asking God for clarity. Have you ever felt overwhelmed by trying to discern truth in our complex world? Share your experience.
2. How do you distinguish between discernment from the flesh (worldly knowledge) and discernment from the Spirit? Can you share an example from your life?
3. The sermon emphasized the importance of letting the Holy Spirit examine our hearts. How comfortable are you with inviting God to "search and know" you? What might be holding you back?

4. Discuss the concept of renewing our minds daily (Romans 12:2). What practical steps can we take to align our thinking with God's perspective?
5. Pastor Blake shared a personal story about seeking wisdom at a low point in his life. Have you had a similar "courtyard moment" where you earnestly sought God's wisdom? What was the outcome?
6. How can we cultivate a hunger for godly wisdom in our daily lives? What obstacles might we face, and how can we overcome them?

## **Practical Applications:**

1. Daily Mind Renewal: Commit to spending 5-10 minutes each morning this week praying Psalm 139:23-24, asking God to search your heart and reveal any areas that need alignment with His will.
2. Wisdom Journal: Start a "wisdom journal" where you write down insights from Scripture, prayer, and life experiences. Review it regularly to track your growth in discernment.
3. Media Fast: Choose one day this week to fast from social media and news. Instead, use that time to read Scripture and pray for godly discernment in current events.
4. Accountability Partners: Pair up with someone in the group to check in weekly about your progress in seeking godly wisdom and practicing discernment.
5. Scripture Memorization: Memorize Proverbs 2:3-5 together as a group, and discuss how you can apply it to your daily life.

## **Closing Prayer:**

Thank God for His willingness to grant us wisdom and discernment. Ask for His help in applying what you've learned and discussed