

Sermon Title: When God Speaks- Discerning God's Will

Sermon Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6



## **Sermon Discussion Guide (5/24)**

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

### **Scripture**

Read Proverbs 3:5-6 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

### **Observation**

In your own words, what commands or instructions to follow are given in these verses? How do these commands shift us from relying on ourselves to relying upon God?

What is the significance of the word "all" being repeated multiple times in this passage?

Read Proverbs 3:7. What contrast is presented between verses 5-6 and verse 7? How does verse 7 help you better understand the meaning of verses 5-6?

Read James 1:5. How can we find wisdom? What kind of person would have the most wisdom in their life?

## **Application**

Prior to this sermon, how would you have defined the word “discernment”? In what specific ways has this Scripture reading and sermon corrected or further developed your understanding of discernment?

Discernment in God’s will involves submitting to God in all of our ways, including our relationships, work, ambitions, fears, finances, and future. What area of your life do you most struggle to submit or surrender to God? Why do you think this is? How might God be inviting you to more fully trust Him with this part of your life?

Discernment involves a) rejecting cultural values that do not align with biblical values, b) filling your life with Scripture and prayer, and c) joining in community with other Christians to test every situation against God’s standard. Which of these practices comes most naturally to you? Which of these practices do you struggle with the most?

Discernment is learning to recognize what most aligns with the heart of God. What is one step of trust God is calling you to take this week so that your life can be more fully aligned with His heart?

## **Prayer**

Lord, align my heart with Yours.