



## What you can expect to learn and experience.....

- The Scriptural basis for leadership discernment
- How to establish a personal rule of life that leads to spiritual discernment.
- Group practice and guidance on the how-to's of corporate leadership discernment.
- How to cultivate the habit of spiritual discernment as a leader.



## Seminars & Retreats

The ministry of Odyssey in Christ provides seminars and retreats for churches and groups desiring to learn ways to intentionally exercise spiritual discernment in their leadership.

General Topics include:

*The Heart of Spiritual Leadership*

*From Decision Making to Discernment*

*Becoming A Community for Discernment*

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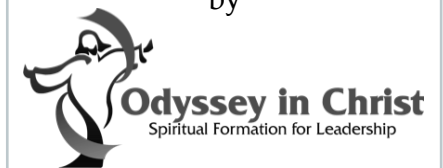
## Spiritual Discernment in Leadership



### Discerning the Presence of God in Group Decision Making



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## The Essence of Spiritual Discernment

# A Pathway to Leadership Discernment

Author Ruth Haley Barton, in *Pursuing God's Will Together*, suggests that if leaders are not seeking to pursue the will of God together in intentional ways, they may be simply doing what is best according to their own thinking and desires, or according to what is strategically expedient.

Practicing principles of leadership discernment both personally and collectively can open groups to an entirely different reality—the wisdom of God that is beyond human wisdom and ingenuity. Leaders can learn to recognize and respond to the presence and the activity of God in the process of decision making.

The ability to discern is a natural byproduct of seeking spiritual transformation together in community.

The apostle Paul makes this clear in Romans 12:2:

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

As leadership groups learn to apply practical experiences in spiritual transformation, the ability to discern what God is already doing in their midst is greatly enhanced.

“The process of discernment invites us into the heart and life of the Triune God. Decision-making can no longer be defined as doing what we think is best; it is now a search for the mind and will of God within a community of people with whom God has chosen to dwell.”

--Danny Morris  
and  
Charles Olsen

“Discernment in its fullness takes a practiced heart, fine-tuned to hear the word of God and the single-mindedness to follow that word in love. It is truly a gift from God, but not one dropped from the skies fully formed. It is a gift cultivated by a prayerful life and the search for self-knowledge.”

--Ernest Larkin