



# Spiritual Discernment for Life and Ministry

Pathways for Personally Discerning  
the Will of God and for Leading Groups  
in Discerned Decision-Making

## **Two-Day Spiritual Discernment Retreat**

Fellowship Community Church  
A Grace Communion International Congregation

Tickfaw, Louisiana  
(North of Hammond)

Saturday, October 19, 2019 / 9:00am-9:00pm  
Sunday, October 20, 2019 / 9:00am-5:00pm

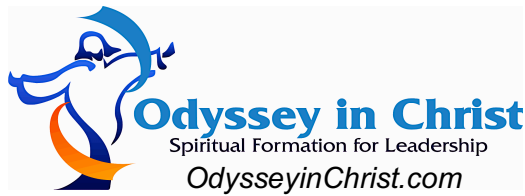
Cost: \$79.99

Includes Lunch & Dinner on Saturday & Lunch on Sunday

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



### What You Can Expect to Learn and Experience

- *The Scriptural Basis for Personal & Group Discernment*
- *Guidance & Practice on the How-to's of Decision Making*
- *Establishing a Life Rhythm that Leads to Spiritual Discernment*
- *How to Cultivate a Community for Spiritual Discernment*

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“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

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### Retreat Schedule

#### Saturday

#### Sunday

9:00-9:30	Worship & Communion	9:00-10:00	Group Decision Making
9:30-10:00	Orientation	10:00-11:00	Small Group Discussion
10:00-10:45	Power of Silence & Solitude	11:00-12:30	Worship Service
10:45-11:00	Break		Sermon Message
11:00-11:45	The Sacrament of Presence		“Discernment: Recognizing and Responding to the Presence of God.”
11:45-12:30	Discerning God & Self		Communion Service
12:30-1:30	Lunch		
1:30-2:30	Discernment Dynamics	12:30-1:30	Lunch
2:30-3:30	Personal Decision Making	1:30-2:30	Cultivating Personal & Community Discernment
3:30-3:45	Break	2:30-3:30	Way of Life Discernment
3:45-5:00	Discerning God in Creation	3:30-3:45	Break
5:00-6:00	Creative Expressions I	3:45-5:00	Retreat Processing
6:00-7:00	Dinner		
7:00-8:00	Creative Expressions II		
8:00-9:00	Awareness Review		