

Brave Men
Discernment in life from a Biblical perspective

Outline

Week 1- Why is Discernment missing, hard, or even an issue today, for me?

Genesis 3 beginnings

Week 2- Recovering the fundamentals of Discernment

1 Kings 19- Relationship and the Voice of God

Week 3 – Rivals on the horizon

Examples from the Book of Acts, Exodus

Week 4- Assuming God

Philippians 1

Week 5- The Common Good and the Lord's Supper

Resources

All That's Good- Hannah Anderson

Discernment- Henri Nouwen

The Discerning Heart- Wilkie and Noreen Au

Hearing God- Dallas Willard

Outline Week 1: Discernment

Introduction: What is discernment? Why is it so hard for us?

Key concepts of discernment: Decision, Distance, Disclosure

- I. Knowledge, choice and power
 - A. Genesis 3 – Created without the need to discern
 - B. Verse 7- opening of the eyes and mind, closing of the heart
- II. Choices
 - a. Balance of Self authority and relational authority
 - b. Who has our best interest? Best interest drives our choice (Ro 1.
 - c. Is it possible to have discernment?

- III. Jesus shows us discernment.
 - a. John 1.47-51- exposure of what it means to us
 - b. Relationship, vision, purpose
 - c. Linked inextricably to God the Creator (john 14.31/4.34)
 - d. Do I want to be fully seen and known by God?

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Recovering The Fundamentals

- I. 1 Kings 19.2-18
 - a. The easy part of doing what is right
 - b. The confusing part of what happens; Defense over Discernment
 - c. Identifying the reality of many voices
 - d. The prevailing questions that are fundamentally at odds

- II. John 10.2-4
 - a. The oddness of an 'inner voice'

- III. Restoration of Recognition
 - a. The Presumption that God speaks- Is 1.3/Je. 8.7/Ps 19.1-4
 - b. Faith and Trust – 1 Co 2.16/Pr.3.5/Ps 37.3
 - c. Interconnectedness of Things – 2 Ch.6.19/Hb 12.2
 - d. Exposure of False Voices – Lk4.41/Ec. 3.12-14

- IV. Mark 4 Demonstration

Recovery depends on Relationship. What is your relationship with God?