



What is God Saying to Us About Our Discernment?

Small group discussion guide for the sermon on Sunday, October 5.



Scripture:

Jeremiah 13:1-11



Sermon:

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Key Takeaways

1. Discernment is crucial to distinguish between the many voices competing for our attention.
2. The Bible is our primary source of truth and guidance.
3. We should be wary of sensationalism and personality-centered faith, and instead let the Gospel of Jesus Christ remain central to our faith and practice.

Discussion

1. What does the story about the linen belt teach us about our relationship with God and the consequences of not listening to Him?
2. How do you see the issue of "false prophets" or misleading voices manifesting in today's Christian landscape?
3. How can we cultivate better discernment in distinguishing true spiritual guidance from false teachings in today's information-saturated world?
4. How can we strike a balance between being open to spiritual experiences and avoiding the 'sensational' aspects of faith that may lead us astray?
5. What does it mean practically to stay "Gospel-centric" in your daily life and decision-making?

Practical Applications

1. **Media Fast:** Take a break from Christian social media or podcasts for a week. Instead, spend that time reading Scripture and praying.
2. **Gospel Reflection:** Write down the core elements of the gospel as outlined in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. Reflect on how these truths impact your daily life.
3. **Discernment Practice:** The next time you encounter a teaching or prophecy, practice evaluating it against Scripture.