



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Discernment: Prudence as a Way of Discovering God's Will

Speaker: Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor

Scriptures: Proverbs 14:8

“The prudent understand where they are going, but fools deceive themselves.”

Proverbs 14:8 NLT

Sermon Outline:

1. Discernment - so important!
2. Getting stuck - foolishness.
3. Prudent - thinks ahead, patiently giving careful thought to their ways.
4. Divine pain and dumb pain.
5. Lizard brain and prudence brain.
6. Important questions: Am I rushing? Am I avoiding the hard work of thinking? Do I understand the options before me? Have I considered my limits and the limits of those around me? Have I honestly assessed my strengths and weaknesses? Am I freely making this decision, or am I being pressured to do so? Have I worked hard to understand the implication of this decision?

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday Pastor Rich continues the series on Discernment, helping us to see the importance of prudence.

Sermon Questions:

What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why?

- How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? How so?
- How has your family of origin made it easy or difficult for you to discern God's will through prudence? How do you think that continues to shape your life today?
- Would you say that you practice prudence in your life? What are some examples of this practice in your life?
- Are you able to see the kind of pain that is present in your life - divine or dumb pain?
- Do you come from a church background that is anti-thinking? Do you find an anti-thinking tendency in your own life when it comes to discerning God's will?
- Ask yourself the seven important questions Rich shared with us in the sermon. How is God coming to you through these introspective questions?