

Why Discernment?

Re-read Romans 12:1-2 and Acts 16:16-28.

According to Romans 12, how is discernment developed in our lives?

As you read the story in Acts 16, what do we find out about God's will for our lives? God answered Paul and Silas' prayers, but what did they choose to do? What is it that motivated them to stay?

Practicing Discernment: responding to God's presence

- **Calling:** Solitude and stillness are your foundation. As you sit with the decision before God, how does this choice fit with the overall direction and calling of God on your life?
- **Consolation and Desolation:**

Consolation – Imagine making the choice before you...does it bring a deep sense of life, inner peace and freedom in Christ? As you think about your decision, is there a growing sense of wholeness, authenticity and congruence with who you want to become in Jesus?

Desolation – Will this decision draw you away from life, peace and freedom in Christ?

- **Scripture:** Is there a particular passage that God is bringing to you relative to your decision? How does this passage help you discern the choice before you?
- **Love:** What does love require of you? What will you have to sacrifice to make this happen?
- **Community:** who are your trusted people that you can discern with when a decision is before you?

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Extended Resource #2 - Discernment



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