**How do we go on a shared journey of discerning what God’s Spirit is doing ahead of us in our neighbourhoods and communities so we can join God?**

**Dwell in the Text:**

As we ‘Dwell in the Word’ together, we learn how to listen to God in Scripture through one another. We affirm that this is not about being ‘experts with answers’ but about being the priesthood of all believers and trusting therefore, that the Spirit speaks to us through the ordinariness of each other’s lives.

1. Read the passage **(Luke 10:1-12)** out loud twice with one female voice and one male voice.

2. Wait in silence for a couple of minutes between the readings, to allow for time to personally reflect. The following questions may help in this time of dwelling and reflecting:

a) As the text was read, where did you stop/what caught your attention?

b) What images, metaphors and words kept coming up?

c) What insight or sense of God (or the Spirit’s nudging) did you gain?

d) What question do you want to ask about the text?

3. Share your reflections with one another. *\*Please note, this can either be done as a whole group, each taking turns to share, or you may break off into pairs and share in smaller groups and then come back and share as a larger group.*

**Reflection:**

“Discernment is a process of prayerful reflection which leads a person or community to an understanding of God’s call at a given time or in particular circumstances of life. It involves listening to God in all the ways God communicates with us: in prayer, in the Scriptures, through the Church and the world, in personal experience, and in other people.” (Tim Challies)

Guidelines for Discernment - *(these are things to consider as you’re discerning a particular situation or potential future action)*

1) Does it line up with Scripture?

2) Does it point to Jesus?

3) Does it give peace?

4) Does it encourage, strengthen and comfort?

5) Does it move us in the ways of God’s Spirit?

Take some time sharing with one another an experience of discernment; a time when you listened and responded to the Spirit’s nudging.

**Experience:**

**Pray:** Ask God for the grace of his presence this week as you commit to responding to his Word to you today. Spend some time in prayer together *(this can be in silence or out loud depending on each person’s comfort level)*.

We invite you to begin a practice of **praying at** **10:02** (am or pm) every day…(Luke 10:2). This can be as short or as long of a prayer time as you need it be on any particular day. Some ideas of things to pray for… our church*,* more workers to be in the harvest field*,* a deeper trust in the One who is sending us*,* a deeper trust in God’s Spirit who is within us and among us*,* a deeper trust in the power of prayer and any particular situations with neighbours or encounters that stay with you throughout your day.