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Order of Worship January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Word

Prayer

Sermon Series: Give Me a Sign Sermon: "How Do You Know?"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life/Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen



For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events, please visit <u>tablelifechurch.org</u>.

Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- 1. What stood out to you from this message? What did you hear from God?
- 2. Why do you think it is important to "test the spirits?"
- 3. What roles do scripture and prayer play in the process of discernment? Has God's Word ever directed or corrected you?
- 4. Why is it essential that we ask godly people for their counsel when we face a major decision? Why do we need to be cautious about who we ask? Who in your life can serve in this role?
- 5. Why are consequences important to consider when facing a decision? What would be considered "bad fruit?"
- 6. Consider a decision you are currently facing and run it through each of these four filters. How many of them point to yes? No? What do you need to do considering that?



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Give Me a Sign "How Do You Know?" Pastor Kris Beckert

How can you tell if a sign is from God?

John 16:12-13 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."

John reminds the Early Church to test what they think is from God:

1 John 4:1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Four Questions to Help with Discernment:

#1.	What	does	say	13

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2. What happens when you	_
Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and betition, with thanksgiving, present your request o God. 7 And the peace of God, which ranscends all understanding, will guard your nearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.	^L S

#3. What do trusted _____ say?

Proverbs 11:14. For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.

Proverbs 15:22 Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

"The next best thing to being wise oneself is to live in a circle of those who are." -C.S. Lewis

#4. What are the _____?

"No sensible decision can be made any longer without taking into account not only the world as it is, but the world as it will be."

-Isaac Asimov

Big Idea:	

Serenity Prayer - Reinhold Niebuhr

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as a pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.