Discernment Practices

In the art of spiritual direction, as we listen to our friend share the story of their pilgrimage we are listening for both Primary Passion (in order to point out and celebrate) and Secondary Passion (in order to encourage, pronounce forgiveness if necessary, and direct toward PP). The act of listening in this manner is what is classically known as discernment of spirits (Matt 7: 15-20, Acts 20:28-31, 1 Thess. 5:19-22).

DIAKRISIS is the Greek word which means to have the capacity to ___________________ or ___________________. The capacity to ___________________ the essence of a matter or ___________________ nature of a person or object.¹

Three reasons for discernment

Man is plunged into a threefold darkness. God commands without being seen; Satan conceals himself, suggests more than he affirms, proposes more than he demands. Finally, there is the darkness in man himself who is incapable of seeing his own heart clearly, incapable of grasping completely the seriousness of his actions and the results deriving from them. Choice for this man is not only the selection of this or that mode of acting; it requires, also, the identification of the voices he hears. Therefore, he must make a discriminating judgment and that is discernment.²

² Thomas Green, Weeds Among the Wheat: Discernment: Where Prayer and Action Meet. Ava Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN, p 29
As a friend we are invited to come alongside to help discern through the fog of what is being experienced. We submit ourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit to first show us our own possible hindrances. These hindrances could be

1.
2.
3.
   a.
   b.

As we submit to the Holy Spirit’s work in discernment we will be aided in distinguishing the various darknesses through understandings God has given to us either previously or as information He brings to us in the moment (words of knowledge). Discernment will aid us in:

1.
2.
3.
4.
   a.
   b.
   c.
   d.

Discerning Roots

Discerning the root of the power of secondary passions requires our friend to communicate their story as it is being lived out currently and we listen for the dots that could be connected through an understanding of our friend’s family tree, the cycle or season they may be experiencing, or the impact of their soul print.

Value of our Family Tree

A family tree in spiritual direction is a response to a series of questions regarding our friend’s extended family experience. The Scriptures teach us that those relationships can be:

1. (2 Tim 1:5)
2. (Matt. 13:25-30, 36-43)
The language of ‘_____________________’ (Ex. 20:5, 6; Deut. 5:9, 10) is a general category for these spiritual blockages or strongholds. It is clear biblically that

1. Everyone is responsible:

2. The effects and lifestyle of:

3. Learned behaviors in future generations create:

**The Extent of a Tree**

The issue of the family tree obviously includes our friend’s physical family but also

the ____________ family ...

the ____________ family ...

the ____________ family ...

**Steps of Discernment and Ministry**

1. Gather family ...

2. Engage in prayer for ...
   a. They need to see ...
   b. Living James 4:7-8
   c. Repentance
   d. Words of ...
   e. Fruit of

3. Engage in prayer for ...

4. Appropriate spiritual ...
Family Tree Prayer Needs

1. Those who were or are cut off, alienated, abandoned, disowned, the ‘black sheep’, the ‘scapegoats’, the most unloved and most difficult persons in my family.

2. The suicides, those who died violent deaths, those who had no funeral, premature deaths, stillborn and abortions and childhood deaths.

3. Those that were/are trapped in addictive behavior: alcoholism, drug, food, sexual or other addictive lifestyles.

4. Those that manifested destructive behavior both to themselves and to others: physical, mental, emotional, verbal, sexual abuse etc.

5. Those who were or are afflicted with mental illnesses.

6. Those with physical illnesses, especially those that crop up in one generation after the next.

7. Those who have lost their faith especially those who have seemingly died unrepentant.

8. All those members of my family tree who have experienced that deep rejection caused by divorce especially those who have died alienated.

9. All those members of my family tree that have been involved in the occult: astrology, horoscopes, divination, witchcraft etc.

10. All those in my family tree whom I need to forgive for hurting me or members of my family and for those whom I need to ask forgiveness

11. All those in my family tree to whom I have been attached to in an unhealthy way: possessiveness, control, excessive dependency, etc.

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3 Taken from lecture by Fr Samuel Dennis, School for Charismatic Spiritual Directors; Our Lady of Guadalupe Abbey, Pecos, NM, January 2000
Cycles and Seasons

During the pilgrimage an individual will experience what may be called ‘growth spurts.’ These are times of deepening faith development. As with physical growth spurts the process is often painful as the bones, ligaments, tendons, and muscles are pushing and pulling within the body. A spiritual growth spurt also is generally always accompanied by some type of difficulty or pain. All throughout our pilgrimage we will cycle through a process of growth which Walter Brueggemann has labeled: orientation, disorientation, reorientation, orientation. This may be seen in Psalm 30.¹ There is also the classic growth periods that Saint John of the Cross is known for when speaking about the dark night of sense and dark night of the soul. These are periods or seasons of our lives that generally do not recur but generally tend to last longer than the cycle, thus we will label them a ‘season’.

¹ Bruce Demarest, Season’s of the Soul: Stages of Spiritual Development, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL 2009. This is a good volume that utilizes Brueggemann’s cycles and expands on its basic teaching.
Contrasting the typical spiritual dryness and Dark Night of the Sense

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<td>Occurs during a mid-life season, following a significant loss event</td>
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<td>Purification of SP that keeps us bound</td>
<td>Simplification of our prayer life</td>
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<td>Identified with transformation of deeper life experience: love &amp; grace</td>
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<td>Eventually strong, deep, and consistent desire for God</td>
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<td>The source comes from an infused intimacy and light from God which leaves the natural world in a darkness</td>
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Soul Print

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous and how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. Psalm 139:13-16 (NLT)

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5 Adapted from Maureen Conroy’s workshop, Three Experiences of Darkness: Spiritual Desolation, Dark Night of the Soul, Depression, given in Atchison, KS, 2011.
The *delicate inner parts* suggested by our passage in Psalm 139 is a wonderful expression for what we call the soul. It is that immaterial part of us that makes us human. The soul, interacting with the flesh, creates a human with:

**OUR FIVE SENSES**

**OUR SIXTH SENSE OF INTUTION**

**ABILITY TO FEEL EMOTION**

**ABILITY TO THINK LOGICALLY**

**ABILITY TO MAKE CHOICES**

These five areas combined are what some suggest make up our personality. Reginald Johnson, of Asbury Seminary, has coined the term *soul print* to describe this immaterial aspect of who we are. We know we have a unique thumbprint used to identify us. Johnson suggests God likewise has given us a unique soul print which also identifies who we are.

God has put within each of us that which is like him, that which allows us to be created in the image of God. Our soul print or personality is part of His image imprinted within us. Our soul print became damaged due to sin. God's image imprinted within us is marred. The soul print is in need of being transformed. This is precisely what Jesus does!

In our day of psychotherapy we have a variety of tools to help us discern the outlines of our soul print. The *Meyer Briggs Temperament Indicator* is one of these tools to discern the soul print. While not perfect, this and other tools are attempts to provide *statistically repeated data* useful in leaning to get along with the environment, help mankind gain and maintain control of the environment, and in the Kingdom of God in guiding individuals through their pilgrimage.
Introduction

John 17:1-3 NIV

*After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*

An Unhurried Eternity

When it comes to our thinking about eternal life, are we more focused on “eternal” or on “life”?

An “eternal life” perspective reminds me that I have all the time I need for all that God has given me to do. Every time I say to myself, “I don’t have time for this or that,” I am strengthening hurry’s hold on my heart.

So What Is Eternal Life?

Is it a time, a place, or a Person? It is a life in God that is an ever-deepening, conversational relationship with the One who has proven his love for us beyond imagining.
Knowing The Father
A Personal Story

How to Live This Unhurried Life

The Freedom of a Contemplative Life

Closing Prayer (from p. 189)

Father, Son, Spirit,
enable us to live unhurried,
esting and communing with You.
Enlighten our eyes to see
whatever Your Spirit is showing us.
Open our ears to hear
whatever Your Spirit is saying to us.
Quiet our hearts
with Your songs of love
Draw our minds to focus on things above,
and not on empty human concerns.
May that which blesses us,
Become a blessing to others.
We ask this in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen
EPC Reflection Questions

1. What situations or circumstances currently contribute most to your sense of hurry? Take five or ten minutes to consider those situations and circumstances from the perspective of eternity. In what ways, if any, does this perspective help you? Now, can you imagine yourself in the unhurried presence of God despite these situations and circumstances? Why or why not?

2. What was your initial response to the idea that eternal life is unhurried? What conflict or tension, if any, does the idea of an unhurried eternal life prompt in you?

3. In what arenas of your life do you find it easiest to fix your eyes on Jesus, to set your heart and your mind on things above? In what arenas do you find it most difficult to fix your eyes on Jesus? Take a few minutes right now to talk with God about both these blessings and these challenges.
Goals for Our Time Together

1. Understanding and Being Excited About the Church

2. To Revisit the Filters of the First Five Retreats Through the Contemplative Planning Process

3. To Interact on the Big Ideas

Reliving Our Time Together

What Godly leadership insights have you gained from our time together? List words and phrases from the presentations and discussions. You'll find these in the Big Ideas as the end of these presentation notes.

How are these significant in your life today? (Go wild. There are many.)

Is there one you still don’t understand well?
Goal #1 - Understanding and Being Excited About the Church

The church... What is the church? How does the church function most effectively?

What sentence or paragraph in chapter 10 was helpful to you? How is it or might it contribute to your life and ministry?

What sentence or paragraph in chapter 11 was valuable to you? How is it or might it contribute to your life and ministry?

What sentence or paragraph in chapter 12 was significant for you? How is it or might it contribute to your life and ministry?

What sentence or paragraph in chapter 13 or 14 was valuable to you? How is it or might it contribute to your life and ministry?
You are preaching a sermon, speaking to a new members class, making a presentation to a board, speaking on a youth retreat, talking with parents, interviewing for a new position, etc. what message would you share and continue to share? Why this one and not another?

As you are looking at your present ministry or are looking at a new ministry you may lead, what opportunities would you desire to provide for the people? Why are these vital?

Convictions play a prominent role in birthing and developing a ministry. As you look at your present ministry or envision a future ministry, what conviction do you feel is the most essential to develop for spiritual formation and leadership in order that healthy fruit and ministry will develop?
From Organism to Organization

Abiding for myself (Pitcher/Cup)

Abiding for Others (Pitcher/Cup...Saucer)

Planning Ministry (Pitcher/Cup...Saucer/Plate)

Starting with Organization

Gives a sense of “___________”.
Shows others I’ve been...
Helps me feel I’ve “done something”

Starting with Organism

Helps me remember my ___________ in Christ.
Helps me see the real ___________ of ___________.
Enables me to be patient with the process of ________________.

We must learn to resist the RUSH to organizational solutions and the LEAP to organizational planning as our FIRST response.
Goal #2 - To Revisit the Filters of the First Five Retreats Through the Contemplative Planning Process... (2C + 4D + RE)

2C + 4D + RE is an attempt to help you experience a contemplative planning process shaped in the Soul Room through communion with God and experienced in the Leadership Room through further communion with God.

2C... Contemplative Communion with God

In the planning community make time to experience alone time in Scripture and prayer and then collectively share bread and pray for the lives of one another.

This collective Communion with God creates vertical awareness- He is there, inner cleansing- I am His, and continues to form a communal team that is growing in compassion for the people and is depending on God's Spirit to lead them in planning an event for His glory and for the good of those we desire to see come. 2C is the stepping stone into 4D.

4D... Discern, Discover, Design, Decide

1D... Discern where the people are individually and collectively

Use the people filters from Retreat 3

1. Priorities Filter
2. Total Person Filter
3. Basic Psychological Filter

Use the Focus of Prayer/Ministry Tool from Retreat 3

2D... Discover God's dreams for them and this event

Some dreams involve two envelopes.
Some involve three concentric circles.
Be listening for their dreams as well
Be listening for dreams God is giving you for them

3D... Design a transforming experience that enables God's dreams
and responds to where the people are

It should be marked with creativity and sensitivity.
It should enable God's dreams to be experienced and the people's concerns/conditions to be touched or met.
This involves element, time frames, and methods and materials that will be used.
4D... Determine Who Leads

The design is led by the people who are best equipped through their lifestyle, attitude and skill development.

Use the Focus of Prayer/Ministry and Phases of Ministry tool from Retreat 3.

Re-Evaluate each “D:"

What was good about the event? What aspect of the design was significant and strengthening?

What responses did you hear from the people?

What elements of God’s dreams were experienced... became clearer?

Where was leadership strong?
   Where do we need to improve in the future?

What concerns of the people did we touch?

As we relate and pray for the people, what are their continuing and new places of concern? How can we discern and respond?
Enjoy the tools and filters. Use and become more and more confident in using the above filters and processes.
Contemplative Planning Process (2C+4D-RE)
Planning An Event

You are responsible for planning an event. Who do you hope will come? Why are you providing this event? What do you think is on God’s heart for this gathering? In preparing for this Plate event, spend meaningful Pitcher/Cup time—do the paradigm. You have 30-45 minutes to plan this event.

1D - Discern where the People Are

It would help to review the “Focus of Prayer/Ministry” we learned Retreat 3 (p.15-21)

Event I am Planning: ____________________________

• Praise God for the people we trust will come. Praise God for the opportunity to be with them and to influence their lives.

• Allow the following passage to open the soil of your mind and spirit in listening for what is on God’s mind for this time.

Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)
24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Use the total person filter (physical, mental, social, emotional and spiritual) to discern in prayer where the individuals are. Be sensitive to both celebration places and concern places. What might prompt these people to come to this event?

2D - Discover What’s On God’s Heart for These People...This Event

What outcomes does God desire? Are envelopes to open, or priorities to discover, etc.? What would bless God’s heart during and after this event?

3D - Design a Transforming Experience

Where will you meet? What is a realistic schedule? What creative resources and approaches might you use to bless God’s heart and meet the people where they are?

4D - Determine Who Leads

Who leads the whole? Who might help lead the parts? Who will work with you?

RE - Re-evaluate 4D

Live in anticipation of celebration and re-evaluation
Goal #3 – To Interact on the Big Ideas

Continuing the Journey We’ve Shared Together
What are the BIG IDEAS? What captured you? Why was this important for you? What are the takeaways?

2 Invitations

3 circles

God’s grace

Soul Room– Leadership Room

The welcoming committee

Abiding for myself... abiding for others

2PROAPT

Focus of prayer/ ministry... it is a sheet of __________

Phases of Leadership... it provides insight for _______________

Pitcher/Cup... Saucer/Plate
Be the people of God before we do the work of God

Process page

Total Person Filter

Basic psychological needs filter

What is the Bible? Our ______ book and our ______ book

What is the church?

Where is the church?

How does the church function most effectively?

Sequence matters

From information to transformation

The Bible is my filter

What 2 soils exist and are necessary in the church?

What message do we proclaim? Why?
What opportunities do we provide? Why?

What convictions do we have and build upon? Why?

We need to return to Galilee

You are my joy and crown

What are some of the challenges to building community?

The written word of God becomes the living word of God and leads me to Jesus.

The Bible is a book of stories about pardon and process, not about performance and perfection.

The Bible is not a theological book of principles, but a story book of people of faith and unfaith.

I couldn’t stand it any longer. I had to find out about your __________.

A rectangle... easiest to hardest. What is the value of this for us?
Seven Leadership Intentionals

#1 Abiding For Myself--Soul Room
(John 15:7)
Communion with God is the center and source of our lives and leadership. Continually tend the inner motivation of intimacy with God.

#2 Abiding For Others--Soul Room
(1 Samuel 12:23)
You are who you are because others have pleaded with God for you. Go and do likewise. Invest in lives in community with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

#3 Developing A Structure For Lifestyle--Leadership Room
(Acts 2:42-46)
The priorities of abiding, loving one another and bearing witness must be the foundation from which ministry design is developed. Pitcher/Cup..Saucer/Plate becomes the process enabling the priorities to occur.

#4 Asking Meaningful Questions--Leadership Room
(Mark 10:51; 8:27,29; John 1:38; 21:16)
Effective questions cause thinking, create dialogue, and show interest in the one questioned. They enable the leader to become the seeker rather than the teller.

#5 Creating Space For “Holy Hanging Around”--Leadership Room
(John 1:14)
The leaders of ministry are often consumed by planning for “church gathered”. However, we communicate that people matter when we are willing to go where they are. And yet Jesus spent significant time with “church scattered”.

#6 Modeling The Process--Soul Room, Leadership Room
(1 Timothy 4:12)
Abiding, loving one another, and bearing witness is the lifestyle we must live if we desire to see others live this lifestyle. It is not enough to merely speak about it. It must be happening in us before it can happen through us.
#7 Remembering—Always—that the Ministry Is God’s, Not Mine—
Soul Room, Leadership Room
(1 Corinthians 3:5-7)
God is present and at work. We linger in the Soul Room and He is at work in
us. Then we come to join Him in what He is doing!!

God likes you very much. In fact He is wild about you !!!

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your life over these last 18 months.
My life is richer because you have touched it. I trust that our relationship
will continue. Know that I am continually available to interact, mentor,
speak, etc. cchuckm@cox.net.

Your generation has warmed the hearts of all the faculty. May this word
from Paul provide strength and encouragement to each of us:

Romans 15:13, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you
trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy
Spirit.” (NIV)
## A Contemplative Planning Process

### 4D+RE

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### 1D - Discern Where People Are Collectively

*(With God, others, themselves, and with their ministry)*

- Notice and celebrate with God their common strengths
- *Feel God’s heart for their common concerns*
### 3D - Design Event in light of God's desires and where the people are:

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Looking Back, Looking Ahead  
Reflecting God’s Heart for the Next Generations  
PAUL JENSEN

God’s Care And Faithfulness For All Generations

Genesis 17:7, “I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”

Deuteronomy 7:9, “Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.”

Job 8:8, “Ask the former generations and find out what their fathers learned.”

Psalm 22:30, “Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.”

Psalm 33:11, “But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.”

Psalm 45:17, “I will perpetuate your memory through all generations; therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.”

Psalm 89:1, “I will sing of the LORD’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.”

Psalm 90:1, “[A prayer of Moses the man of God] Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.”

Psalm 100:5, “For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

Psalm 102:12, “But you, O LORD, sit enthroned forever; your renown endures through all generations.”

Psalm 135:13, “Your name, O LORD, endures forever, your renown, O LORD, through all generations.”

Psalm 145:13, “Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.”

Isaiah 41:4, “Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD—with the first of them and with the last—I am he.”
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Ephesians 3:21, “To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

Looking Back

1. What breakthroughs you have seen in the past couple of years in the spiritual formation of those from the next generations in your families/networks/ministries?

2. What have you done and what resources did you use to help in their spiritual transformation?

3. What did you learn?
Looking Ahead

What do you sense as God's heart and vision for their lives in the next year?

for their lives in the next five years?

Prayer and Committal to Reflect God's Heart for Those in the Next Generations

How has God Worked Among Young People In History?

Origen -
Gerard Groote
Ignatius of Loyola
David Brainerd

Women in nineteenth century Protestant missions.

How Are You Being Led to Pray for the Next Generations?
Reflection Questions

1. What have been some of your celebration places in terms of outer journey implementation? Where are you seeing God's hand bringing organization or organism transformation?

2. What are some of your frustration or discouragement places in terms of outer journey implementation? Where do you desire to see God's hand bringing organization or organism transformation?

3. What personal/internal obstacles or barriers are you noticing that hinder you from taking further steps in outer journey implementation? (Lack of confidence, fear, anxiety, anger, frustration, etc.)

4. What outward relational or organizational barriers are you noticing that hinder you from making progress in taking next steps in outer journey implementation?
5. Are you cultivating a core of men and women who, though they may or may not have organizational influence, are people who are hungry, open and willing to grow with you? If so, what are you seeing God doing among the core? If not, who might be some of those you sense might be potential core members? How do you want to next connect with them?

6. As you reflect on the two years of Journey training you have received, what have been some key milestones in your inner life formation? In your outer life ministry expression?

7. Indicate to us if you are interested in doing a spiritual formation audit on your church/ministry and explore a possible consulting relationship with one or more TLI staff.
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**Inner Journey** – As you seek to continue the inner life patterns you’ve developed during the Journey, how do you sense God leading you to continue these rhythms? With whom will you share your journey? How can we be praying?

**Outer Journey** – As you seek to continue the outer life patterns of “Saucer/Plate” out of the overflow of “Pitcher/Cup”, how do you sense God leading you to deepen your fellowship with fellow Christians and broaden your engagement with those who have yet to be found by Christ? How can we pray for you?
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Three to four bullet points only. Please summarize the notes from your page in three or four bullets only. Thank you.