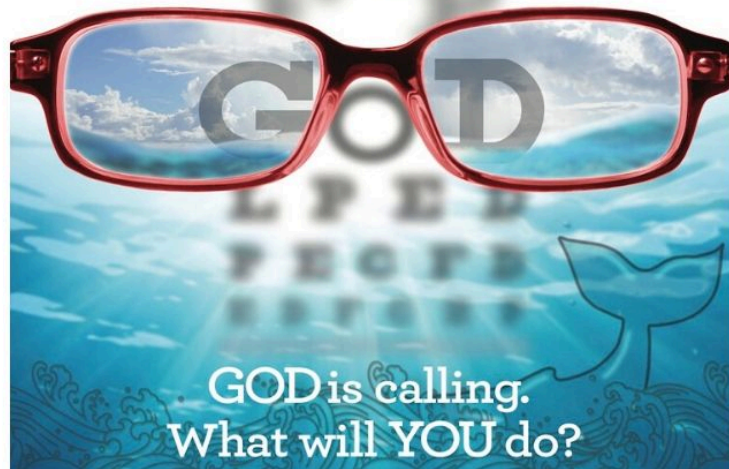


SERMON SERIES  
**SEEING  
2020**



Be assured that from the first day we heard of you, we haven't stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works. We pray that you'll live well for the Master, making him proud of you as you work hard in his orchard. As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do *your* work. We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that he has for us.

Colossians 1:9-12

**“Reading the Signs of Daily Life”**

January 5, 2020

**Introduction:**

God is \_\_\_\_\_ speaking to us – individually and as the people of God. This series is to help us understand what God is \_\_\_\_\_ us.

When we are rooted in prayer and solitude and in community, \_\_\_\_\_ are given to us in daily life. (People, books, nature, timing.)

*We are seeking discernment: faithful living and listening to God's love and direction so that we can fulfill our individual calling and shared mission. – Henri Nouwen*

**What Discernment is Not:**

Discernment is not a “step by step” \_\_\_\_\_ or system.

Not a once-for-all \_\_\_\_\_ for critical moments in life.

We cannot see with perfect \_\_\_\_\_ what lies ahead.

We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit. John 3:8

Not “whatever will be will be.” We wait, act, and work with the Spirit.

*We don't see the world as it is.*

*We see the world as we are.*

**Context:** Nineveh was known for \_\_\_\_\_. Jonah 1:1-2, Nineveh, capital city of the Assyrians who destroyed Israel in 722BC. Nineveh is east. Tarshish is \_\_\_\_\_ in southern Spain. Jonah 1:3

**Jonah as a Self-Portrait:** Show us Lord who we really are.

Often God speaks. Sometimes God \_\_\_\_\_ to get our attention. 1:4

When we \_\_\_\_\_ God, people are hurt and put at risk. 1:5-6

People outside the faith, see a \_\_\_\_\_ clearly. 1:7-15

Jonah becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ in spite of himself! 1:16

God gives Jonah a \_\_\_\_\_ chance. 1:17-2:1

Discernment begins with \_\_\_\_\_ (allowing yourself to be led.)

**Action Steps:** Do I want to be fully seen by \_\_\_\_\_?

Who are the people God loves that you \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_ towards them in the love of Jesus.

Make the \_\_\_\_\_ to want what God wants.

**Next Week: Distinguishing Spirits of Truth from Falsehood**