

Discernment Bibliography

- **Living into the Answers: A Workbook for Personal Spiritual Discernment*. Isenhower & Todd. Upper Room Books. 2008.
Isenhower & Todd examine the movements of personal discernment through a workbook, simplifying the process for those who seek to follow God's purposes in life.
- ▶ **Listening Hearts: Discerning Call in Community*. Farnham, Gill, McLean, & Ward – Morehouse Publishing.
Leaning heavily upon the Quaker tradition – this text centers on prayerful listening and practices of discernment that help to eliminate barriers and prepare the heart to receive the call.
- ▶ *Discerning God's Will Together: A Spiritual Practice for the Church*. Rev. ed. Morris and Olsen Alban Institute. 2012.
This new revised edition is much better than the first book and has some clear direction as to practicing discernment in church groups.
- ▶ *Grounded In God: Listening Hearts Discernment for Group Deliberations*. Farnham, Hull, & McLean - Morehouse Publishing.
Like *Listening Hearts* only for group discernment.
- ▶ *Keeping in Tune with God: Listening Hearts Discernment for Clergy*. Farnham and Grayson – Morehouse Publishing.
Like *Listening Hearts* only for those in the set apart ministry.
- ▶ *Hearing with the Heart*. Farrington - Jossey-Bass
A wonderful book filled with stories, tools, exercises and suggestions to help you go deeper with discernment and attention to God.
- Learning to Hear with the Heart*. Farrington. – Jossey-Bass.
A devotional in the spirit of *Hearing with the Heart*.
- ▶ *Beyond the Ordinary: Spirituality for Church Leaders*. Johnson and Dreitzer – Eerdmans
Highly recommended for leaders to ground themselves in spiritual formation. Very accessible – could even be used as a book study in churches.
- Discerning God's Will*. Ben Campbell Johnson – Vital Faith Resources
Author considers discernment with helpful exercises at the close of each chapter.
- ▶ *Listening to God in Times of Choice: The Art of Discerning God's Will*. Gordon T. Smith – InterVarsity Press
Develops the understanding of discernment as a spiritual discipline.
- ▶ *Courage and Calling: Embracing Your God-Given Potential*. Gordon T. Smith – InterVarsity Press. Author examines the question of call and vocation through listening to God and entering into partnership with the Holy.
- The Shape of Living: Spiritual Directions for Everyday Life*. David F. Ford – Baker Books
A book of spiritual renewal that is encouraging.

*Books highly recommended for calling cohorts.

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