

40 DAYS OF DISCERNMENT TEAM

WHAT IS DISCERNMENT

Discernment is listening to God's Spirit to hear the common themes and patterns that emerge through scripture reading, praying, asking questions, and sharing stories. Discernment is different from decision-making as it recognizes that we don't have the necessary answers and are willing to remain open to previously unimagined possibilities.

Discernment is also an ongoing journey of listening and yielding our decision-making to listen to God. Here's where I need your help. **I'm inviting you to join me in a discernment process to determine how we can [Do Life Together](#) to create a thriving church to help our communities flourish.** You were chosen because of your commitment to Snellville UMC, plus your openness and willingness to listen and seek God.

PROCESS

Our work together will focus on seeking God's direction in three areas. At each meeting, we will:

- Greet and Catch Up
- Dwell in Scripture (discernment-themed scriptures to be read)
- Have a conversation about themes and words in the text
- Have guided prayer time
- Share a summary of your thoughts
- Prepare for the next session

THREE AREAS OF FOCUS

Seeking God's will, we will spend 40 days (6 weeks) focusing on the three areas of *Identity*, *Sustainability*, and *Our Community*:

Identity

What is God's future picture for Snellville UMC for the next 3-10 years (including the church's relationship with United Methodist Church)?

Sustainability

Considering shrinking human and financial resources, how do we use our facilities to generate revenue?

Community

How do we practice the 4 Habits of Doing Life Together with the people moving into the Grove and the surrounding areas?

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