

Sermon Title: Summer Series 2023 - Guidance

Scripture: Philippians 1:9-11

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- 1. Would you consider guidance a *personal* or *corporate* Discipline? Is the idea of guidance as a *corporate* discipline as Richard Foster suggests new or strange to you?
- 2. What are some of the dangers of personal and corporate guidance? How do we avoid them?
- 3. How should the discipline of guidance influence the ways we live as Christians? How we live as a church? If we believed in guidance would it change our present decision-making?
- 4. As you consider the ways that God guides, which is most common for you? Which is the least? Why?
 - Commanding Scripture
 - Compelling Spirit
 - Counsel of the Saints
 - Common Sense
 - Circumstantial Signs
- 5. Read Philippians 1:9-11. Why does Paul pray this prayer for the church at Philippi? What does he include in the prayer? Why is each of these elements important?
- 6. As we consider Philippians 1:9-11 in light of the Discipline of Guidance, how does Paul's prayer reveal how God guides us? Which aspect of the prayer is most applicable for you (abounding love, knowledge, depth of insight, discerning what is best, etc.)? Why?
- 7. Let's take a moment to pray this prayer over one another. If there are specific circumstances we can pray for, please let us know.