

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

“For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.” NRSV

Read Colossians 1:9-13 again out loud in your group.

1. What strikes you about the relationship between knowing and doing God’s will?
2. What do you think is meant by “spiritual wisdom and understanding?”

Read the Key Ideas

1. When you hear the word “discernment,” what images/ideas/experiences come to mind?
2. Which of these key ideas catches your attention? Why?
3. What does Colossians 1:9-13 have to do with Presbytery discernment and decision-making?