

# ***A Guide to Spiritual Discernment for Scripture Study Leadership***

The ministry of God's Word requires ongoing discernment and spiritual growth. This guide is offered for your personal reflection and prayer.

Read each of the following statements and prayerfully consider where you see yourself on the journey of discipleship. In each of these, are you . . .

*just beginning* or *growing* or *excelling*

- 1) I recognize that faith is a gift from God, a gift that God continually offers to me.
- 2) I am committed to a regular time each day for personal prayer and quiet reflection.
- 3) I regularly turn to Scripture for prayerful study and spiritual guidance.
- 4) I have a deep desire to serve others by sharing my time and talents.
- 5) I strive to be a witness to others by living the values of Jesus in my home, workplace, parish, and civic community.
- 6) I have a desire and commitment to continue learning about myself and my faith through reading and educational opportunities.
- 7) I am able to forgive myself and others for mistakes and learn from them.
- 8) I try to keep priorities ordered in my life: God, self, family, work, and parish community.
- 9) I recognize and respect my own limitations and those of others.
- 10) I do not take myself too seriously. I view myself and life with a sense of humor.
- 11) I am committed to the development of my parish through communal worship, education, and service.