



**Pastoral
Discernment**
Central Coast

Moving Forward

Allows for participation in mission, formation for all,
and opportunities to engage in dialogue.

As we journey forward together, we are invited to consider,

How is God calling the people of the Central Coast to journey forward together as pilgrim and missionary people of God?

This is a process of community discernment, as such, we are called to work together as a group. The process you are going to engage with today is built upon the practice of Spiritual Discernment. It is a process of prayer, contemplation, sharing with one another and seeking God's direction and we invite the Holy Spirit to guide us. All are welcome to participate and discern together.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Darkinjung and Awabakal peoples as the Traditional Owners of this ancient land. We acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. We pray and give thanks for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land that we call home.

An invitation to pray together.

Invite a member of your small group to read the scripture reading.

Isaiah 48:17

I, the Lord, your God, teach you what is good for you. I lead you in the way that you must go.

Read full chapter

Allow 2 minutes of silence and re-read the scripture quote again.

Allow 5 minutes of silence and invite each group member to reflect on the words that they heard and reflect on the question; How is God speaking with you in this?

You may choose to listen and reflect on this song before you begin your listening and dialogue rounds.

Jireh by Maverick City Worship & Elevation Worship (cover by Cross Point Music)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nC8HCAg9eRE>

What does this theme mean for the people of the community?

We are invited to walk together just as Jesus invited His disciples to “follow in His footsteps.” We, as a community, are invited to follow in His footsteps, to create our own footprints, footprints that bear witness to Christ’s love and the spreading of the Good News to those that we are amongst.

Mindful that it’s not always an easy road to walk, we walk with the support of those around us, we walk together and walk in the footprints that have gone before us in order to live by the word and stories that have shaped our path, enabling the journey to continue, to be walked by and for others.

As we reflect on this theme, how can we as a community move forward and invite those around us to move forward with us?

Guiding questions.



How will our community respond to the call of moving our faith community forward, and walk in the footsteps of Jesus?



How will we identify and realise the needs and objectives of our community, together, as we move forward?



What methods do we use in decision making to enable our community group to move forward?



How does our community form people to be more capable of “walking together,” listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue?



How does our Church community identify its evangelisation objectives and the steps to achieving those objectives?

After prayerful discernment, begin the listening and dialogue rounds with your small group.

Review

Reflect

Respond