

What is Spiritual Direction?



Spiritual direction is the contemplative practice of helping people awaken to God's presence and action in their lives so they can respond in a growing relationship. A trained guide listens and accompanies the directee, witnessing the Spirit's movements and encouraging healing and growth.

Who might seek spiritual direction?

People seek spiritual direction for a variety of reasons, including:

- To be more attentive to the presence and action of God
- Integrate spirituality into daily life
- Discern and make difficult choices or navigate transitions with deeper spiritual awareness
- Share struggles, disappointments or losses, with the aim of understanding God's ways more fully
- Find encouragement for faithful living
- Maintain healthy life balance
- Explore ways of praying that nurture and deepen one's relationship with God.

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