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**Video 5: Ways forward for discernment in the Baptist church - <https://youtu.be/IeBANJ9AAa8>**

*Slow wisdom book: see chapter 6&7 for more detail*

- *Recommendation 1:* Consider regular preaching on the biblical models of the body of Christ and the priesthood of all believers. Consider exploring Baptist history and teaching about covenantal role of church members.
- *Recommendation 2:* Think about how you might share the slow wisdom model of discernment to help members from different denominational backgrounds especially to participate.
- *Recommendation 3:* Consider the practical arrangements of your church meeting. Does the timing of your church meeting to help the most members attend? Would offering childcare to help parents attend?
- *Recommendation 4:* Try small groups to disrupt power balance and hear the Spirit speak from all members.
- *Recommendation 5:* Consider the agenda items from your meeting, are they strategic or missional?

QUESTION: How could the recommendations of this research work in your context?