

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent: December 5, 2021

## Diving Deeper

Scripture: Luke 1:68-79

1. Promises come in all shapes and sizes. Consider one or two consequential promises you've made to someone in your lifetime. What circumstances brought you to make that promise? To whom did you make it? How easy or difficult was it to fulfill it?
2. Is Advent already part of your Christmas tradition or is this a new "thing"? Have you experienced new insight or perspective in observing THIS Advent at THIS time? How might the next two weeks be different as you await the arrival of Christmas THIS year?
3. **Read Luke 1:5-25.** What jumps out at you in this "backstory" to today's scripture? Who Zechariah is? What the angel says or does? Zechariah's reaction? Something else? Why do you think those particular details are noticeable to you?
4. Zechariah gives his infant son something of a job description (verses 76 & 77). What do you find in the Gospel accounts of John's ministry that tangibly describe how John fulfills that job description? (see **Luke 3:1-20** and **John 1:6-42**)
5. Are there situations in your own life where you are sitting in a time of "yes, but not yet"? How are you spending your time? What steps are you taking to prepare for that time when that "yes" will come to fruition?
6. Many would say that God is doing something "big" in the church worldwide in this time. What do you think FHPC, as a body of Christ in this place, should be doing to prepare?