



Unexpected Calling

Luke 1:26-38

Week 2 – Floris UMC
December 5-11

Scripture Luke 1:26-38

Daily Devotional <https://www.florisumc.org/messages/daily-lift/>

Sunday Sermon Video www.FlorisUMC.org/Advent-Study

Sunday sermons will be posted on the website by Monday morning.

Prayer

Gracious God, give me ears to hear and eyes to see your purpose for this day. Holy Spirit come. Show me what you have written on my heart. Grant me strength and courage to follow your call. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

1. What is a calling? What are some of the unexpected callings you have experienced?
2. Last week we read that Zechariah didn't believe Gabriel and the angel took his voice away. This week Mary doesn't doubt the angel, instead she asks how will it happen? How can we turn doubt into accepting a calling?
3. What are the major reasons you don't answer a call?
4. Callings can expand our horizons and enlarge our souls – How? Do callings have to be big to enlarge our souls?
5. Like Mary, we can learn to listen, to ponder and then respond on the assumption that God is with us and asking us to fulfill a calling. What does Mary teach us about an unexpected calling?

Go Deeper

- Listen and read the lyrics of this Advent song “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” https://youtu.be/7xtpJ4Q_Q-4
- Ask your group to light a candle and watch this video on the meaning of the Advent wreath. <https://youtu.be/hPHXooW6Nfi>
- Pay attention and review each day how the Holy Spirit is presenting you with unexpected callings. How has this impacted your discipleship?

