**Food for Thought**

**For the Third Week of Advent**

In this week’s sermon from Luke 3:1-20, we learned how John the Baptist prepared the people for the coming of Christ by preaching an exceptional message in an unexpected place. The king that John the Baptist was preparing people to hear was the King of Kings, Jesus the Christ.

Every part of the coming of Christ was unexpected. The same is true in our relationship with Him. Read the story of the birth of John the Baptist and the foretelling of the birth of Jesus this week. Reflect on your own life how unexpected changes in your life may lead to greater trust in Jesus.

**Read Luke 1:5-25**

Reading through verses 5-18, how would you describe Elizabeth’s and Zechariah’s normal life?

How does the news Elizabeth and Zechariah receive from Gabriel change their normal life?

In your own words, what is our culture’s description of a normal life?

How does following Christ change our perception of a normal life?

**Read Luke 1:26-38**

According to verse 26, what was Mary’s life like before Gabriel appeared?

Read Mary’s response in verse 38. Though our life changes don’t usually involve an angel, how can we prepare ourselves to be able to respond like Mary when unexpected changes happen in our life?

**Read Luke 1:39-45**

How does Mary and Elizabeth help each other to continue to be faithful?

How can relationships you have at Round Hill Baptist church help you prepare to remain faithful and have the best Christmas ever this year?