Discussion Questions

The following questions help us engage with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service, and may be useful during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1 Who was Zechariah? Trace Zechariah's response to the angel. Why do you believe he responded the way he did?

2 Who was Gabriel? Trace Gabriel's words to Zechariah. Summarize the message.

3 Why was Zechariah told he would be silent and unable to speak until these events happened? What do you make of this consequence? How might this season of silence in Zechariah's life transform him?

4 What evidence do we have that Zechariah's silence accomplished the needed work?

5 In the Advent hymn "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence", why is silence the appropriate response?

6 What is the Incarnation? Are you in awe of the Incarnation? Why or why not?

7 How does the noise of the season threaten our ability to live in fear and awe of the Incarnation?

8 Where might you find moments of silence this season to meditate upon the Word made flesh?