

### **Dwelling in the Word**

Dwelling in the Word is a practice that may be used to help in communal discernment. It is: An intentional practice...hopefully, a habit. It involves:

- Reflection
- Deep listening to one another AND to God's Word
- Patience
- Faith...that God will be revealed and the The Holy Spirit will guide us

#### **Begin with prayer**

#### **Reflect silently**

Find a person you know least well – or a friendly looking stranger (or a strange looking friend!)

#### **Ask that person:**

1. What captured your attention or imagination?
2. What question might you want to ask a Biblical scholar?
3. Take 4-5 minutes each. You will report out your partner's answers and thoughts. This is the deep listening part — try not to express your own thoughts, but, rather, those of your partner.

#### **Reflect as a group:**

What might God be up to in this passage for us today?

### **[Called Forward Together in Christ: A process to decide ELCA's future directions](#)**

Called Forward Together in Christ is a process that will help leaders of this church make decisions about future directions and priorities of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is a process that invites people in the pew, church leaders and staff working for different expressions of this church to engage in conversation about the future of the ELCA.

