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Ice breaker: What is your favorite Christmas carol/song. Tell your group why you love it!

Read Together: Galatians 4:4 (NLT), Luke 1:26-27 (NIV), Luke 1:28-30 (NIV), Luke 1:31-33 (NIV), Luke 1:34 (NIV), Luke 1:35 (NIV), Luke 1:37 (ESV), Luke 1:38 (ESV), Matthew 10:39 (ESV), Matthew 1:20-21 (NIV), Matthew 1:24-25 (NIV), Mark 6:3 (NLT)

Discuss:

How do you feel about God's timing? Not just in the Christmas story, but in your own life.

What definition would you give to the word "Favored"? Do you think Mary felt and experienced your definition of the word "favored"?

How do you think you would have responded to the messages that Mary and Joseph got from the Angels? Be real, what do you think you would have said?

Has God ever asked you to do something that you thought was crazy or inconvenient? What happened?

Have you experienced persecution due to something God asked you to do? Share with your group!

As we reflect on what Mary, Joseph and Jesus may have experienced, let your imagination run wild for a bit and see where God takes you. Share with your group what insights you have after some reflection.

Pray together:

Father, we don't like to be ridiculed or misunderstood. Yet, we want to be in alignment with you and the things you want us to do. We understand that sometimes you ask us to do things that don't make sense to us. Give us ears to hear what you are saying to us and help us to be obedient. When we face things that seem crazy, help us to know when it is YOU. Please give us an obedient heart and a spirit to go joyfully forward into what you may ask us to do!

We need you and want to do and be all that you would have us do and be. We yield to you today! In the name of Jesus!
Amen!