



Leaving behind all they'd ever known ... Saying yes to what seemed impossible ... Fixing their eyes on the promise of freedom ... Trusting, believing God would do what only He could do. Choosing to hope when hope is nowhere to be found. Mary's and Joseph's journey resonates with many of us ... What are we called to leave behind as we prepare to celebrate this Christmas season?

- Open with prayer.
- If your groups is new, give everyone time to introduce themselves.

## CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What was the most amazing thing you've ever seen or experienced?
- What's one thing you're looking forward to in the future?
- Share something new or a highlight from this past week.

## REVIEW

Together, open your Bibles and read from **Luke 2:1-7**.

- Share your favourite points from the weekend sermon. What spoke to you?
- Share a phrase or moment that you related to the most, or a question you may have from the weekend.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- Where have you lived over the course of your life? Have you ever had to move to a different country? What was that like?
- How is the Christmas story a demonstration of God's love for you?
- Have you ever been in a situation that seemed like a major disruption yet in hindsight, you could see God was at work?
- Have you ever had to leave something behind to say 'yes' to God?
- What might God be calling you to leave behind this Advent as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus?
- How do these verses apply to your life? What will you do about it?

## **PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS**

Share what God is doing in your life and spend some time praying for each other's prayer requests.