During the month of December, group discussion will focus on the story and circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth. We hope this time leads you to fresh awe of who Jesus is and why He came to earth.

# **WARM-UP QUESTION**

Where's your favorite place to look at Christmas lights?

# **DISCUSS**

• Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message from "Christmas at the Movies." Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Have one or two people read <u>Luke 1:26-38</u> out loud.

- What details stand out to you in this account of Gabriel visiting Mary? Is there anything new that you hadn't noticed before?
- If you were in Mary's shoes, how do you think you would have reacted, both to the angel's appearance and his message?
- What do these verses tell you about God and His character? Does this encourage you in a particular area of your life right now? Explain.

### Read Luke 1:39-45.

- What do you notice about the relationship between the two women in these verses? What types of encouragement do you see?
- Do you have any friendships or relationships like this in your life? How could you provide this type of encouragement to others?

### Read Luke 1:46-55.

- What traits of God does Mary mention in her song? What stands out to you about the way she describes Him?
- If you have time, talk through the traits, actions, or names of God one by one, pausing to reflect on how you've seen or experienced Him that way in your own life.
- What is usually your default response to big news, whether good or bad? How does Mary's example inspire or challenge you?

### **RESPOND**

- Based on what you've just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response this week? When will you do it?
- Close your time in prayer, thanking God for the way He's revealed Himself to your group through His Word. Pray for hearts that seek to respond to Him with readiness, encouragement, and praise.

Encourage group members to read Daily Bible Reading on the church app or have it delivered to their inbox daily. Subscribe at tpcc.org/dbr. Check in with your group to share thoughts about these throughout the week!