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SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think Luke emphasizes Mary's haste rather than fear or hesitation?
2. What does this passage teach us about obedience when God's plan feels overwhelming?
3. Why is it significant that Elizabeth celebrates Mary instead of comparing herself to her?
4. What does this story teach us about sharing joy instead of carrying it alone?
5. Share a time when you experienced unexpected joy—something small or big that surprised you.

PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Where have I experienced God's joy recently—especially in unexpected or ordinary moments?
2. How attentive am I to God's presence during difficult or quiet seasons?
3. Am I quick to share joy with others, or do I tend to keep it to myself?
4. Who in my life might need an invitation, encouragement, or simple presence this season?
5. Do I believe God's promises even when fulfillment feels distant?

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1. What does this story tell us about how God brings joy?
2. Why is it important to celebrate good things happening in other people's lives?
3. What is one thing our family can thank God for today?

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