**A Companion Sent Study Guide and Small Group Discussion Questions (Luke 1:26-45, 56)**

We see from the story of Jesus' birth that a few people played key roles in ushering the Savior into the world He came to save. These people, as they took on this privilege, received immaterial gifts – one of which was the presence of a companion that brought encouragement, guidance, and comfort.

***38 “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.***

Why do you think God often calls those who seem to be unprepared or unqualified for His purposes?

What is God calling you to do in this season of your life? How are you accomplishing God’s calling for your life right now?

How can you help others embrace and be prepared to answer God’s specific call in their lives?

***39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth.***

Have you experienced going against cultural norms? If so, please share with your groupmates.

What did you learn from this experience? How did God help you through this?

What are some risks that a person may encounter when he/she decides to become countercultural for Jesus?

***56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.***

Is there an “Elizabeth” in your life right now? How has he/she made an impact on your life?

Are you training yourself to become an “Elizabeth” for others? What may be hindering you from doing so?

Spend time praying for the “Elizabeths” in your life.

Spend time praying for yourself as you also pursue to become an “Elizabeth” to someone.