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DISCUSSION GUIDE

"You Who Are Highly Favored"
Underestimated
11-25-18

Welcome: How was your Thanksgiving break? What was your favorite part?

Worship: Read Psalm 100, and pray together.

Word: Read *Luke 1:26-38*

Was there any part of the scripture or sermon that stuck out to you? What did you underline or highlight, and why?

What do you think were Mary's first thoughts as Gabriel shared God's plan for her?

When have you been tempted to underestimate the power of God?

Read *Isaiah 55:8-9, Romans 8:28*. On the surface, Mary's circumstance didn't seem to fit God's calling. Why must we trust God's plans over our own, even if His plans seem peculiar or unusual?

What could have been some of Mary's excuses to deny the opportunity by God? (Too young, etc...). What excuses/limitations do we tend to put on ourselves?

Read *Isaiah 43:1*. What did God have to say about Mary's value, and what does He say about our value?

How will you step out in faith this week as a favored, valued child of God?

Witness: How can you specifically be praying for your neighbors this week?