WARM-UP QUESTION

Take a moment to check in: How did your "I will" statements go this past week?

DISCUSS

Grab your Bibles. Let's explore today's Scriptures and reflect on the theme of trust and identity together.

Trusting God and Identity in Christ

- **Read <u>2 Corinthians 10:12</u>** Paul warns against comparing ourselves to others. How can comparison distract us from living confidently in the unique purpose God has given us? How can we shift our focus from others to the calling God has placed on our lives?
- Read <u>Ephesians 2:10</u> What does it mean that God has already prepared good works for you to walk in? How can that truth shape the way you approach decision-making or pressure to perform?
- Read <u>1 Peter 2:9</u> How does remembering who you are in Christ change the way you engage with a world focused on external validation? Where else in Scripture do you see God affirm someone's identity or purpose despite their insecurities or circumstances?

Trusting God Through the Life of Mary, the mother of Jesus

- **Read <u>Luke 1:29-38</u>** Mary responds to the angel with humility and trust in the face of uncertainty. What stands out to you about her response to God's unexpected call? What does her faith reveal about God's trustworthiness and character?
- Read <u>Luke 2:46-47</u> What does this scene in the temple reveal about Jesus' identity and Mary's relationship with him?
- **Read John 19:26-27** Mary remains with Jesus in His final moments. What might this scene reveal about loyalty, love, and endurance in faith? When have you found it difficult to remain faithful when following Jesus feels painful or confusing?

TAKE ACTION

What is God speaking to you? What is your next step of obedience you can take this week?

Craft a personal and practical "I will" statement:

- Keep it specific, realistic, and doable this week.
- Share your "I will" statement with the group for encouragement and accountability.