

# Not What You'd Expect: The Unlikely Characters of Christmas

## Discussion Questions

### Week 3: A Not-So-Ideal Situation

1. The story of Christmas was likely more difficult than how Joseph imagined his life would play out. Are there ways that your life has been more difficult than you imagined? How have you dealt with it?
2. Can you think of time or ways that following Jesus has made life more difficult for you? How?
3. Are there ways you've experienced a loss of reputation as a result of following Jesus? How?
4. Are there ways that you have had to come to terms with a loss of control because of Jesus? How?
5. How is "Immanuel" (God's presence with us) good news when life doesn't go as we hope?