



Sermon Discussion Guide

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LUKE 2:25-32, 36-38

PRAY

LEADER: “As I read Luke 2:25-32, 36-38 aloud, take note of any word or short phrase that sticks out to you. After I read, we’ll sit in silence for a short time, and then I’ll prompt you to share that word or phrase with the group. Hear the Word of the LORD:”

Read Luke 2:25-32, 36-38 aloud...slowly

(give people time to be silent and listen – maybe 60 seconds)

LEADER: “What word or phrase stuck out to you?”

*Give everyone time to respond with a word or a phrase. Encourage people not to explain, just share the word or phrase. Pray a **brief** thanksgiving to God for speaking through the Scripture.*

ENCOURAGE

What encouragement did we receive from God through this Scripture?

REFLECT AND CORRECT

Did God challenge your actions, thoughts, or dispositions with this passage? If so, share this with the group.

TEACH

Teaching Summary

Simeon and Anna were ordinary people, obeying the Spirit’s prompting in their lives. As we spend time in their story, we discover people faithfully listening for and obeying the promptings of the Holy Spirit, leading to Christ and His transformative work. We are reminded in our own life, what it is to be moved by the Spirit, to take hold of Christ in the everyday, and bless others.

Discussion Questions

1. Who were some of the ordinary people who played extraordinary roles in your life? What about their lives made them stand out?
2. How do you specifically posture yourself to listen for God each day? How are some ways you listen for God during the ordinary actions of the day? Where are you seeing God’s activity in your life right now?
3. What are some promises of God from Scripture you are currently holding onto?

Transformation Questions

1. What do you think God is saying to you?
2. What is keeping you from doing this?
3. If you were to do it, what might be a good first step?
4. Who will you tell? Or who will you ask to help you?