

# Simeon & Anna Discussion Questions

## Luke 2:21-40

### Context

- What do you learn about Mary and Joseph from this story?
- How do you think it felt for Simeon to hold onto hope of the promise “he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.” V26?
- How do you think Simeon felt when he took Jesus in his arms and blessed God V27?
- What do you learn about Simeon in his blessing V29-32?
- Why do you think Mary and Joseph marveled at what was said V33?
- How do you think it would have landed for Mary and Joseph to hear the prophecy given in V34 & V35?
- What is the significance of what Anna and Simeon did while they waited?
- What has this moment impacted the lives of Mary, Joseph, Simeon and Anna?

### Reflective

- What do Simeon and Anna do in their waiting and how can I apply their example to my own life?
- How are you like or unlike Simeon or Anna?
- What does waiting patiently for Jesus look like in day to day living?
- Are you willing to wait for God's timing? What makes it hard or easy?
- When do you find it most difficult to listen well to God? What noises, sounds, challenges, or distractions keep you from listening well?
- How can you tell the difference between being led by the holy spirit and being led by your own desires?
- What difference has meeting Jesus made to your life?
- What are some things the Holy Spirit has promised/shown you?
- Are you still waiting on some promises?
- How did you respond then He fulfilled His promises to you?
- When we lose hope, what can happen to our devotion? How can we regain hope—or help other people regain their hope?
- Anna told others of her encounter with Jesus. Who might you be able to tell of your encounter with Jesus and His Promises?
- What does this story teach you about God's promises?
- How can you apply what you learn in this story to this New Year?