

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGE

Luke 2:25-33

25 At that time, there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him **26** and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. **27** That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, **28** Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

29 "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace,
as you have promised.

30 I have seen your salvation,

31 which you have prepared for all people.

**32 He is a light to reveal God to the nations,
and he is the glory of your people Israel!"**

33 Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him....

36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, **37** and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.[a] She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. **38** And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Other passages: John 14:1-3, 2 Pet. 3-4:7-9

Connect: Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. How did Anna's heritage factor into her faithfulness & lifelong devotion? Does your own background shape your faithfulness?
2. Anna stayed devoted for 84 years after losing her husband at a young age. How can we persevere in faith through loss or loneliness we often experience?
3. Like van Gogh painting in obscurity, true dedication shows in daily faithfulness. Where have you seen quiet consistency pay off in your walk with God?
4. How can you stay "engaged until He comes" right where God has you this week?
5. Anna told everyone waiting for redemption about Jesus. Who in your life needs to hear about the Redeemer this week?
6. Dedication or declaration—which one is God nudging you to grow in right now? How can we pray for you?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS