

SCC Small Group Discussion Simeon's Song – Luke 2:22-35

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Getting Started:

Think about something you waited a long time to do, such as leave home, get married, have a baby, or get your dream job. What was your greatest expectation for that event? Did the event live up to your expectation?

Searching the Scriptures: Luke 2:22-35

1. What was Simeon waiting for? What do you think “the consolation of Israel” means?
2. What is the relationship between Simeon’s righteousness and devotion and his recognition of the Savior?
3. What does Simeon predict about the mission of Jesus?
4. What does it mean that Jesus is “a light for revelation to the Gentiles”?
5. How might knowing that Jesus’ plan of redemption is for all people challenge us to invest in missions this Holiday season?

6. How can you help others recognize the Savior this week?

7. How is Jesus still the cause of the rising and falling of people today? Why are some people threatened by Jesus?

The following questions are drawn from the readings of this week's devotional on the topic of love:

John 3:16 - *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

8. In what ways are you believing in Jesus and living in his promise of eternal life right now?

1 John 4:9-10 - *"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."*

9. What are you doing this season to help spread God's love to others?

Applying the Scriptures:

Based on these verses and promises, write about how you have experienced love in this season of your life.