



## A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of December 28, 2025

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

### Luke 2:22-38 *For My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation*

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

- **Mary and Joseph's "time for purification" in Jerusalem would have occurred 40 days after their baby's birth, according to Mosaic Law. The purpose was two-fold: to present their first-born son, and to present Mary for purification following her pregnancy. Read [Leviticus 12:6-8](#) for more insight. What does all this tell us about Jesus' family?**
- **Why does God require these sacrifices? Read [Exodus 13:1-2, 12-15](#) for more insight.**

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup> "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.

- **Simeon encounters the infant Jesus in the temple. How is Simeon described? What do you think this moment means to him? Who is actually directing this event? (25-28)**
- **Reflect on Simeon's prophecy, How does he describe this baby? (29-32)**
- **Simeon has been "waiting for the consolation of Israel" (25). What does that mean?**
- **How do Simeon's words impact Mary and Joseph? (33)**

<sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

- **Simeon continues to prophesy. What is he saying about Jesus' role in the world?**
- **What is he saying about its impact on Jesus's mother?**
- **What might this say to any of us who are related to Jesus in this world?**

<sup>36</sup> 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, <sup>37</sup> and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> 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.

- **The final witness to Jesus in the temple is Anna. Describe her and her ministry.**
- **Pray together in light of this week's passage.**