

Discussion Guide

Discussion Guides accompany the [weekly message](#).

Opening Activity:

When in your life have you waited anxiously for something—feeling hopeful, but also scared, uncertain or restless?

Read:

Luke 2:22-35

Isaiah 9:1-2

Isaiah 40:1-5

Matthew 4:12-17

Discussion Questions:

1. What helps you stay hopeful when God feels silent or slow in responding? (Luke 2:22-26)
2. What does Simeon teach us about showing up daily—even when we aren't sure when God will move? (Luke 2:27-28)
3. How does seeing Jesus as *your* salvation—not just *the* salvation—change your approach to waiting? (Luke 2:29-32)
4. Simeon declares Jesus is a light to both Gentiles and Israel. Who in your life needs that light from you this season? (Luke 2:32)
5. Why is it important to hold both joy and honesty when talking about the hope of Jesus? (Luke 2:33-35)
6. Where do you most feel like you're "in the waiting room" with God right now?
7. Simeon waited with righteousness and devotion. Which of those is hardest for you to practice while waiting?
8. Whose faithfulness has reminded you that Jesus brings comfort—and whose comfort might God be asking *you* to bring?
9. What would it look like to approach the Christmas season with eternal hope rather than temporary expectations?

Challenge for the Week:

Choose one person or place where you regularly "show up" (your home, workplace, church or neighborhood), and intentionally serve someone there in a thoughtful, Spirit-led way. Let your act of service reflect the hope, devotion and faithfulness you see in Simeon as he waited on God.