



## JOURNEY CHURCH

Advent | Luke 2.22-38

November 28, 2020

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### Rediscover Christmas

**Advent** | Finding Hope in our Uncertainties [week 1]

Luke 2.22-38

### Simeon and Anna: Keeping hope alive in uncertain times

[Luke 2.22-38]

#### 1. Hope sees beyond our current realities.

[Romans 8.22-26]

**What helps me see past my current realities?**

**a. The promises of God for us**

**b. The power of God in us**

**c. The presence of God with us**

[Jeremiah 29.11; Isaiah 43.1-2; Matthew 28.20]

- Hope looks at a baby and sees a Savior!

#### 2. Hope inspires us to carry on.

[Romans 5.3-5]

- What is your next step of hope today?

#### **Romans 15.13:**

*I pray that God, the source of **hope**, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with **confident hope** through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

For the week of November 29 - December 5, 2020 [week 10]

This week, we are beginning a new series for the 2020 Advent season. Each week we will look at a different aspect of the anticipated arrival of Jesus. We will continue to walk through various passages each week and provide you reflection questions to not only review for yourself, but also within your small group. Take some time to re-read the passage before you meet and pray through the questions in preparation for your time with each other. Most importantly, enjoy connection and community with one another (in whatever format you are meeting in).

### **HOPE**

Week 1 of Advent centers around hope. The symbol of hope is like a candle showing up in a dark place and giving light, perspective, and comfort.

Our world needs a lot of hope right now.

Jesus proclaims that he is the light of the world in the book of John (8.12). His promise then as it is now is that whoever follows him will no longer wander in darkness, but walk in assurance of the hope that Jesus provides.

We need a lot of hope right now.

Spend some time thinking about hope. Have you lost hope? Have you recently found hope? Are you uncertain that hope exists?

We can rejoice as people who follow Christ because our life has been changed by the hope of the gospel.

We need to give a lot of hope right now.

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READ Luke 2.22-38 OUT LOUD

#### **HEAD:**

**Q -** *When you think of the word 'hope', what comes to mind? Is there a time in your life that hope felt like either a blazing or smoldering campfire? If hope were to manifest itself for you, what would it look like?*

#### **HEART:**

**Q -** *Uncertainty will always creep in and around our lives. Some times it will make itself evident and other times it may look hidden. Even in the most uncertain of times, what does hope do for your heart? How does hope make you feel and how does hope drive you?*

#### **HANDS:**

**Q -** *Hope can be a great motivator in our lives. During this season, how can you show hope to those around you? Take some time as a group to brainstorm what that might look like?*

#### **PRAY:**

Spend time praying together as we dive into this season of Advent. What are some ways in which you can pray for each other? Take time to remember 'hope' in your prayer & reflect on the hope that Jesus provides through His arrival.