

MISSIONAL GROUPS

Songs of Christmas
Dec 22
Luke 2:25-35

WELCOME – Potluck – Sharing a meal together. Icebreaker questions with group members to connect with one another relationally and get everyone comfortable with sharing.

- Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion)

Why is it important to have hope in Jesus?

WORSHIP - *after dinner* - to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion

- Join in singing a worship song:
- (*found on this link: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11393450>*)

WORD - Facilitate discussion using the guide below and to consider how the sermon applies to our lives

Focus: A Song of Hope

²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

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

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ 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 ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

Luke 2:25-35

Read through Luke 2:25-35 and share a couple of things that stand out to you.

In the message Sunday we reflected on how Simeon had waited for a long time for this moment. God had prepared him all along and he breaks into this incredible song of hope.

Discussion Questions:

Question 1: **Hope is Salvation:**

What does the word "salvation" mean to you?

Question 2: **Hope is for all people:**

Why is it important that hope is for all people?

Question 3: **Hope is a choice:**

What are some differences between those who choose to accept hope and those who don't?

Question 4: **Hope comes at a cost:**

Jesus paid the ultimate cost for our salvation. What are some sacrifices that we as Christ followers need to make to share this message of Jesus?

WITNESS: Joining Jesus in His mission

In response to what you learned about today, discuss and reflect on the following questions:

What is God challenging you in your heart about trusting God?

Based on what I learned today what are some ways that I will live differently?

How will I apply Luke 2:25-35 in my day-to-day life?

Take time to pray for each other that God would help us to focus on the hope we have in Jesus.