

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, Dec, 20th 2015

The Gospel in Song | Luke 2:21-35 – Simeon's Song: The Nunc Dimittis

This last part in our advent series focused on waiting for the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ. We followed Simeon and Anna, two faithful followers of God that waited well. Rich highlighted three aspects of how to wait: with obedience, in community, and with endurance.

“If we don't wait with obedience then we turn right to idolatry...no more waiting on God, lets pick up my God and head to my own solution.” – Rich on the Israelites making the gold calf at Sinai

1. Does anything about the description of Simeon stand out to you? What about his song?
2. What is Simeon waiting for? What is he satisfied by? How does he know that what he is seeing is what he thinks it is?
3. How does Simeon display obedience to God?
4. What are some things you're waiting for in your life right now?
5. When you think of waiting, is it a personal act or a communal one? What ways does community help the process?
6. Thinking of the Holy Spirit, how aware of his presence are you in your life? How do you know?
7. Using Rich's example on the Israelites, how have you been tempted to turn to idolatry when in a season of waiting for God?
8. What were some of the ways Rich pointed to the early church as an example of waiting well in Acts 2? What of that description is applicable to our lives today? How are you challenged/encouraged by it?
9. How do Simeon and Anna's reactions (giving thanks to God) to the Spirit impact you? What do they tell you about life in the Spirit?