

THE WAITING

Luke 2:25-32

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INTRO:

First world problems...

A. THE ATTRIBUTES OF OUR OF WAITING

1. We need to be patient (v. 25a)
2. We need to persevere (v. 25b)

B. THE AID TO OUR WAITING

1. The presence of the Holy Spirit (v. 25c)
2. The revelation of the Holy Spirit (v. 26)
3. The leading of the Holy Spirit (v. 27)

C. THE ANSWER TO OUR WAITING

1. God fulfills His promise (v. 26, 28-29)
2. God's timing is perfect (v. 30)
3. God's answer is profound (v. 25, 30, 32)

CONCLUSION:

Action steps as we enter the Advent Season

- Reflection. Consider what God will teach you in your seasons of waiting.
- Expectation: Wait with faith, knowing that fulfills His promises.
- Preparation: Let the Holy Spirit guide God's purpose in your life.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker

Share about a time when you had to wait for something you really wanted—like a big event, a special gift, or an answer to a prayer. How did the waiting make you feel?

Read the Passage

Ask someone in the group to read **Luke 2:25-32** aloud.

Discussion Questions

1. Observing Simeon's Faith

- What does this passage tell us about Simeon's character and relationship with God (vv. 25-26)?
- How does his faithfulness encourage us to trust God during seasons of waiting?

2. The Role of the Holy Spirit

- How did the Holy Spirit play a role in Simeon's life and his waiting (vv. 25-27)?
- What can we learn about listening to and being led by the Spirit in our own lives?

3. The Fulfillment of the Promise

- In verses 29-30, Simeon rejoices at seeing Jesus, calling Him "salvation." How does this reflect the faithfulness of God's promises?
- How does Simeon's joy challenge or inspire the way we respond to God's faithfulness?

4. Waiting with Purpose

- Simeon waited his entire life to see the Messiah. What do you think sustained him during this long wait?
- How can we stay encouraged and focused when God's timing feels delayed in our lives?

5. Jesus as the Light

- Simeon declares Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel" (v. 32). How does this truth shape how we see Jesus and His mission?
 - How does knowing this truth impact the way we live as His followers today?
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Group Reflection:

- What is one area in your life where you are waiting for God to act or fulfill a promise?
 - How can you use this time of waiting to grow closer to God and deepen your faith?
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Closing Prayer

End your time together by thanking God for His faithfulness and asking for strength to wait on Him with hope and trust.
