

FAC Small Group Questions
Sunday Sermon Dec. 12, 2021

*Choose some of the following questions to review with your group
and then spend some time in prayer for each other.*

Icebreaker Opening Question:

What is the typical emotion the night before Christmas morning in your house?

The Humans of Christmas: Simeon and Anna
Read together Luke 2: 21-38

Simeon and Anna committed themselves to following God and waited patiently, never losing hope. We must follow in their footsteps, devoting ourselves to following hard after Jesus while we eagerly wait for his return.

1. Why do you think Simeon and Anna were willing to wait so long for the promised Messiah? How do you think they handled the moments when they got discouraged?
2. What is the significance of what Anna and Simeon did while they waited?
3. When do you find it most difficult to listen well to God? What noises, sounds, challenges, or distractions keep you from listening well? Based on this passage, how did Simeon and Anna listen?
4. Even when Simeon and Anna didn't know the time of the Messiah's arrival, they stayed devoted in their worship to God. Do you find it hard to worship when you don't see God working in your life? Explain.
5. When we lose hope, what can happen to our devotion? How can we regain hope—or help other people regain their hope?
6. Are there areas in your life where you have been asking God for guidance, but God seems silent? How is this experience impacting your life?
7. How does the Holy Spirit help us wait well for the 2nd coming of the Lord Jesus?
8. Anna told others of her encounter with Jesus. Who might you be able to tell of your encounter with Jesus who does not know him? Include these people in your group prayer time, asking for opportunities to tell them!

Pray for each other as a group.