

The Necessity of Hope

Luke 2:22-38

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B. Hope is ...

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2. Wait on God's _____ - not _____ (vs.25-35).
3. Embrace _____ - not _____ (vs.36-38a).
4. Share the _____ - not _____ (v. 38b).

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1. How would you like to spend your retirement years? Where would you like to live?
2. What are some areas in your life where God is teaching you to rely on him? What has that done to your hope? For Joseph and Mary they had to rely on God for their parenting and financial situation, how does their experience bring hope to your life?
3. Can you share a time when God's timetable in your life ended up being the "best" timetable for you? Why do you think Simeon's experience was meaningful to him? In Simeon's two prophecies (vv.29-32, 34-35), what was he predicting about the work of Jesus and the effect on people?
4. Share with the group when you believe that need for forgiveness was satisfied in your life? Do you have hope that your forgiveness carries over to the future, regardless of sins and wrong doing that you may build up in the meanwhile, why or why not? What are some passages that indicate that your salvation is secure?
5. What were Anna's 2 responses (v.38) to the sight of Jesus? In what way is that an example to us? Who around you do you need to share the message of Jesus Christ to? How can the group pray with you?



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