

Making Room: For All

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Luke 2:22-38

1. What do you think of Joseph and Mary presenting Jesus in the Temple? Why is this important?
2. Why had Simeon been waiting so long?
3. What helps us get ready and stay ready? What do Simeon and Anna do in their waiting for God and how can I apply their example to my own life?
4. Why did Simeon pray the way he did? How might his waiting have influenced what he said?
5. How is Simeon's prayer still relevant today? Why is it important for us to remember that Jesus came for Jew and Gentile?
6. How can I tell the difference between being led by the Holy Spirit and being led by my own desires for answered prayer?
7. When you think back over the entire nativity story, who are the different people who have been involved? Who are the people that have met Jesus throughout the story?
8. What does this tell us about who God desires to include?
9. Who are the people in your life that God has called you to? Who are the people beyond your usual comfort zone that he is calling you to?
10. How are you living a life of preparation for the movement of God? How are you preparing to invite new people into your life?

Prayer points:

- Spend time praying for the situation in Israel/Palestine:
 - o For peace to prevail, and soon.
 - o For the political and military leaders of the area.
 - o For the civilians caught in the middle of the conflict.
 - o For those who have lost family members and loved ones.
 - o For long term solutions to be adopted and agreed to.
 - o For Jesus to be the centre of bringing peace and stability to the land of his birth.
- Prayer for those who are struggling this Christmas, whether financially, emotionally, physically or otherwise.