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4. What defined Simeon's life? *How* was he waiting and what was he waiting for?
5. Think about the things that you typically spend your time, energy and resources on. How would you answer this question: What are you waiting for?
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7. Do your life's priorities align with what you see in the life of Simeon and Jesus words in Matthew 24? Explain how they do or do not.
8. How would your life be different if your priorities were aligned with Kingdom priorities?
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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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With Phil Harwood
Dec. 27, 2015



Luke 2:22-35 Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. ²³ The law of the Lord says, "If a woman's first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the Lord." ²⁴ So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—"either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵ At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him ²⁶ and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, ²⁸ Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. ³⁰ I have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared for all people. ³² He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!"

³³ Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, but he will be a joy to many others. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. ³⁵ As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."

Big Idea: Only a life focused on Jesus is a life of hope and fulfillment.

*** Jesus is coming to Earth, again!** Matthew 24:1-14, 30-31

So what do we do to live this kind of life?

1) Answer the question: What am I waiting for?

2) Receive the gift of Immanuel: God with us.

3) Align your priorities.

Helpful questions to ask:

- a) "Is what I am doing right now something that I want to be found doing the moment Jesus comes back?"
- b) "Are my actions helping bring the kingdom to Earth?"

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service
are from the New Living Translation(NLT).*