



The Three Gifts of Christmas

Week one - *"The Gift of Anticipation"*

James 1:17-18, Psalm 130, and Luke 2:22-38

Bottom line: Holy anticipation is the expectation that God is up to something good, coupled with the excitement and mystery of just how and just when that goodness will come.

1. What is the best gift you've ever received?
2. Do you know someone you would consider a good gift giver? What makes them so good?
3. How is anticipation different from just waiting for something to happen?
4. Read Luke 2:22-38
 - a. Why do you think Simeon and Anna waited so long?
 - b. What do you think they thought they would see?
 - c. How were their reactions to Mary and Joseph and Jesus different because they waited?
5. How is our waiting different when we expect God will do something, even if we don't know when or how?
6. How can you receive the gift of anticipation this Christmas?