

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Please share the greatest blessing someone has provided for you.
2. What was the greatest sacrifice you have ever made for another person in order to bless him or her?
3. Read Luke 2:21-24, Exodus 3:2 & 12 and Leviticus 12:8. How does the simple obedience to God's Word by Joseph and Mary point to their radical trust in the Lord?
4. Read Luke 2:25-26. How would you feel if the Lord provided you a promise like Simeon received?
5. Read Luke 2:27-35. How did Simeon use his blessing to in turn bless others? What was the response of Joseph and Mary to the words of Simeon?
6. Describe the joy you have received from blessing another person. How does blessing others reflect Christ?
7. Simeon is not threatened by the glory Jesus received, or the fact that Joseph and Mary were chosen to be his earthly parents. Why do we struggle with the success and blessings of others?
8. How can feelings of jealousy or discontentment keep us from being instruments of blessings to others? What can you do to keep you from being insecure when God uses someone in "greater" ways than you?
9. Read Luke 2:36-38. What was Anna's role in God's kingdom preparation? Why do we often struggle to see a role of fasting, prayer and praising as "less productive" acts than building, teaching, giving, etc.?
10. Simeon, as well as Anna, do not seem to want any credit for being used by God. On the contrary, they seem joyful that they were used by the Lord. Why is it that we often want praise for simply being used by God?
11. Read Luke 2:39-40. How did the Lord use Joseph and Mary's obedience?
12. How can you encourage someone in their spiritual journey with Christ this week?



Make His Blessings Flow

Luke 2:21-40

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