Traditions aren't all bad!

Luke 2.25-38

Simeon and Anna

1. Simeon was Righteous- He lived for God and did the right things

"It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption." (1 Corinthians 1:30, NIV)

2. Simeon was Devout- Means dedicated, reverent, God-fearing

3. Simeon did not give up on the Promise

Simeon and Anna were part of a remnant of faithful followers of God that had not given up Waiting for the consolation of Israel.

He praised,

The first missionary Hymn (v. 32 from IS 9.2). Jesus is not just for God's people

Problem Promise Provision

God always gives promises during problems and then also Provides

Problem - The Messiah had not come

Promise - Simeon would not pass until he knew the Messiah had come

Provision – God himself provided the Messiah

Then a prophecy about the Christ

"Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."" Luke 2:34–35, NIV

There are Problems but then God gives us promises and also provision

I see Salvation

Problem: Mankind has sin and that has separated us from God.
Promise: "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14, NIV)
Provision: He provided Jesus Christ, to provide to us salvation by faith

For Continued personal, family, and group study

1. What are some of your Christmas traditions now? What were some growing up? Some you loved and did not care for?

2. Read Luke 2.25-38

3. Describe Anna, according to the Bible

4. Describe Simeon

5. The Bible says Simeon was devout. That means dedicated or committed to the things of God. What does that look like for us now that we have Jesus and the Holy Spirit?

6. How does dedication to God start? Read Romans 10.9-10: John 3.3 and 3.16

7. Who do you know that is dedicated to the things of God? What are they like? What are their priorities and values?

8. The Bible says that we are not righteous without God. And the perfection of Christ is upon us. We are righteous because of Jesus.

Read 1 Corinthians 1.30 and talk about that.

9. Simeon Praised Jesus, and then he prophesied to Mary. Read Luke 2.34-35. What did the prophecy say about mankind and then about Mary? What did this look like?

10. Simeon believed the promise that the Holy Spirit gave Him but he had to wait. Why is it so hard to wait on God? What promises are you waiting on?

11. What has God promised us that has yet to be fulfilled?