

Simeon's Eyes

Candlelight and Christmas

Luke 2:25–32; Isaiah 9:2, 6

December 21, 2025

1. Waiting for a Wonderful Counselor: Isaiah 42:5–6

- Simeon waited with expectation, trusting God's promise.
- God is the Creator who gives life and personally takes His people by the hand.
- Jesus fulfills the promise of God's guidance and light for all nations.

Discussion Questions

- What does it look like to wait on God instead of rushing ahead for answers?
- Where do you most need counsel or clarity right now?
- How does knowing Jesus as a Wonderful Counselor change how you approach decisions?

Follow-Up Prompt

- Share a time when you sensed God guiding you, even if the path was not clear at first.

Key Takeaways

- Jesus does not just give advice, He walks with us.
- God's counsel brings light in seasons of uncertainty.

2. Waiting for a Mighty God: Isaiah 42:5–9

- God declares His power to open blind eyes and free captives.
- The Mighty God does both great things and new things.
- Jesus reveals God's unmatched power and glory.

Discussion Questions

- Where do you need God's power to break through in your life?
- What areas feel stuck, dark, or imprisoned right now?
- How does trusting Jesus as Mighty God affect your faith when change feels slow?

Follow-Up Prompt

- Is there something new you sense God may be doing, even if it has not fully taken shape yet?

Key Takeaways

- God's power is active, not distant.
- Jesus brings freedom and renewal where we least expect it.

3. Waiting for an Everlasting Father: Luke 2:36–38; Psalm 34:18

- Anna’s story reminds us that Christmas is for the waiting and the grieving.
- God draws near to the brokenhearted.
- Jesus reveals the heart of an Everlasting Father who stays present.

Discussion Questions

- Why can the Christmas season feel especially heavy for those who are grieving?
- How have you experienced God’s nearness in a difficult season?
- What does it mean to you personally that God is an Everlasting Father?

Follow-Up Prompt

- How can this group reflect the Father’s care to someone who is hurting this season?

Key Takeaways

- God does not rush past our pain.
- Jesus shows us a Father who remains faithful through every season.

4. Waiting for a Prince of Peace: Luke 2:8–14

- The angels announced peace, not fear.
- Jesus is the source of true joy and lasting peace.
- Peace is offered to those who receive God’s favor.

Discussion Questions

- What fears tend to surface during this season for you?
- How is biblical peace different from simply having calm circumstances?
- Where do you need to receive the peace of Christ right now?

Follow-Up Prompt

- What would it look like to actively trust Jesus as your Prince of Peace this week?

Key Takeaways

- Peace is a person, not a feeling.
- Jesus brings joy that is not dependent on circumstances.

Reflection and Prayer

- Take a moment of quiet reflection, asking God where you are waiting this Christmas.
- Pray together, thanking Jesus for being our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.