

eGroup Questions

December 1, 2019

Verse: Luke 2:25-35

PRAY

Begin your group study with an opening prayer. Acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit, who serves as a teacher as you gather.

REVIEW

What truth did you discover in the previous lesson? Did it transform how you live your life in any way? Even if it was small.

CONNECT

In this lesson, we are looking at what it means to know Jesus as our Wonderful Counsellor. As a group, share your thoughts on the following questions.

Have you ever walked through a time of suffering or hardship that you just wished would finish as fast as possible? What did that look like? During that suffering or hardship, did anyone provide comfort or perspective? How did it help you through that time?

OBSERVE

Read your selected passage out loud as a group. While you read, take note of details, words, or phrases that jump off the page. Take a moment to share your findings with the group.

DISCUSS

As you read through this week's passage, did you notice anything new? What was it? Why did it stand out to you?

In verse 25 it says that Simeon was "waiting for the consolation of Israel." Why was he waiting? What does it look like to wait for something like this?

In verse 27, Jesus was found by Simeon in the temple courts. Why were Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus into the temple courts?

Right after hearing Simeon's song in vs 29-32, verse 33 says, "the child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him." What do you think Mary and Joseph would have thought in this moment? Why were they so "marvelled" if they knew Jesus was already the Messiah? Why is this significant to the story?

What do you think Luke's purpose was in recording this event? Why was it necessary to include it in his gospel? What would it have meant to the people reading this gospel?

What does this story tell us about Jesus? How does the blessing of Simeon in verses 34-35, provide an understanding of God's purpose in sending Jesus?

How does this story of Simeon's encounter with Jesus encourage us to live differently? What do you feel the Holy Spirit is showing you through this lesson? How would you like to go about applying that to your life?

MAIN IDEA

In one to three sentences, summarize your main take-away from this lesson. Share your thoughts with the group.

PRAY

Now that you have finished your study, take this opportunity to pray together as a group. Feel free to collect any prayer needs from the group members.