



## PART 4 - THE "WAIT FOR IT" CLAUSE

LUKE 2:22-39

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### MESSAGE NOTES

**BIG IDEA FOR THE WEEK: BECAUSE ANNA AND SIMEON OBEYED, GOD INVITES US TO \_\_\_\_\_ FOR HIS PROMISES TO BE FULFILLED**

**1. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ US TO WAIT WITH OBEDIENT HEARTS**

**2. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ US WHO WAIT WITH OBEDIENT HEARTS**

### SMALL GROUP AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group*

1. Which part of the message was most impactful for you and why? Which part of this passage is easiest for you? The hardest?
2. Think about Anna and Simeon for a moment. How does Luke describe them as they wait for God's promise? What words or phrases stand out to you?
3. What do Simeon and Anna teach us about waiting on God without becoming bitter or disengaged? Why do you think God allowed them to wait so long before fulfilling His promise? How does long waiting shape the way we speak about God when He finally answers?
4. Anna immediately began speaking about Jesus. Why do you think her obedience moved her toward telling others? What similarities do you see between Anna's response and the shepherds' "go and tell"?
5. How do small, repeated acts of faithfulness prepare us for big God moments?
6. What promise, prayer, or hope are you currently waiting on God to fulfill? How are you tempted to disengage or give up during seasons of waiting? Even though you may be tired of waiting, where is God asking you to trust His timing this Christmas season?

**God, thank You for choosing to use Simeon and Anna in the Christmas story. Help me to learn from their obedience so that I can obey as well. I believe that you want to work in Your time. Help me to trust You and obey, even in the waiting. In Jesus' Name, amen.**