Beyond Sunday

Voices of Christmas — 12.21.25

Simeon — *Luke Chapter 2* — Jeremiah Campos

Gather

These questions help build connections with others as you share personal experiences.

· When is a moment you found hope when you MOST needed it?

Grow

These questions guide your group through scripture from Sunday's Sermon. Sharing observations to lead to greater understanding of scripture and God's work in our lives.

Read Luke 2:25-35

- 1. Do you relate to Simeon? Have you ever asked yourself:
 - Did I really hear this from God?
 - · Has God forgotten me?
 - · Was I wrong to have hope?
- 2. What is your response when God's timing doesn't align with your expectations?
- 3. Have you had the experience when God's answer to your prayer was different in method than you expected?

Read Matthew 11:1-3

- 1. What do you think was at the heart of John's question, "Are you the one who is to come or should we expect someone else?"
- 2. Can you relate to John's struggle to understand?
- 3. How has suffering affected your ability to sustain hope?

Give / Go

These questions help us apply the sermon take-aways to how we will give back to God and go share what we've learned through application and life change.

Reflecting on these two examples of hope and belief (Simeon and John the Baptist):

- 1. Which of these stories resonate with where you are at right now?
- 2. Where do you need hope to be renewed in your life?
- 3. What is the Holy Spirit's role in bringing and renewing hope?
- 4. How can you share this hope with others who are struggling?

Prayer

Read Lamentations 3:21 together as a prayer of remembrance of the hope and love that is offered to us through Jesus.

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him:

Going Deeper

If you are interested in exploring the themes of this week a bit deeper, check out one of these resources.

- <u>LUKE 1-2</u> Narrated Video from the Bible Project
 - https://bibleproject.com/videos/gospel-luke-1/
- SURPRISED BY HOPE Book by N.T. Wright
 - https://a.co/d/9aUgITN
- · WALKING WITH GOD THROUGH PAIN AND SUFFERING Podcast with Tim Keller
 - https://podcast.gospelinlife.com/e/walking-with-god-through-pain-and-suffering/