

## **Disciples of Christmas: Anna & Simeon**

*Central idea: Christmas calls for praise and proclamation.*

Luke 2:22-38

### **Look up.**

*Read the passage thoughtfully.*

What did you like about the passage?

What did you find difficult about the passage?

What does this passage teach about people?

What does this passage teach about God?

God transforms a routine purification rite/baby dedication into a miraculous announcement of the Messiah. When have you seen God turn something routine in your life into something miraculous/amazing?

We are introduced to Simeon who was committed to God and waiting for the Messiah to come. He was filled with hope despite living during 400 years without recorded revelation from God and during the oppressive rule of Rome. How can you experience hope even in the midst of difficult circumstances?

Anna has also experienced difficulty having been a widow for the vast majority of her life and yet she remained committed to God. What keeps you committed to God even when life is more difficult than you expected?

Simeon (and also Anna) respond to seeing Jesus with praise and proclamation.

How would you define praise?

What do you think a life of praise looks like?

What do you think a life of proclaiming Jesus looks like?

### **Look forward.**

What is one way you can intentionally praise God this week?

What is one way you can intentionally proclaim God this week?