

Sermon Guide

Luke 2:22-40



▶ Simeon was told by the Holy Spirit that he would see Jesus Christ before he died. Is there anything you want to do or see before you die? What items are on your “bucket list”?

▶ How many of these bucket list items would help build the kingdom?

Read [Luke 2:22-40](#)

1. What Mosaic laws are becoming fulfilled by this presentation (see [Lev 12:1-8](#), [Ex 13:2,12,13](#))? How do these events foreshadow Jesus’ mission?
2. In Simeon’s two prophecies, what was he predicting? What warning does he issue? How is this fulfilled later in the life and ministry of Jesus?
3. How does Anna complement Simeon’s prophecy?
4. What impact would these startling predictions have on all who were listening that day?
5. What do you learn about Mary and Joseph in this passage? About Jesus? About God?

GROW



▶ Professor Darrell L. Bock states that throughout Luke 1 & 2, “God uses a wide range of people and a vast array of social backgrounds to testify to Jesus: people in a rural setting and people in the city, male and female, a young betrothed couple and a pair of senior citizen saints—all share the joy of his coming.” How is God using you or calling you to testify about Jesus today?

▶ Simeon and Anna’s life resolution was to serve the Lord. In light of the coming New Year, how can your own New Year’s resolutions reflect the priorities of Simeon and Anna?

GLORIFY

•✪ Take a moment to read and reflect on the following prayer or use it as a prompt to pray as a group. “Let me with Simeon clasp the new-born child to my heart, embrace him with undying faith, exulting that he is mine and I am his. In him You have given me so much that heaven can give no more. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.”