All THE TRAPPINGS

One Day Delivery

SERMON SUMMARY

In the sermon we explored the theme of Advent - a season of waiting. We have a culture that is antiwaiting/patience. Simeon, in the temple courts, had been waiting his whole life for the Messiah. Advent invites us to slow down and allow God to shape our hearts with the simple, powerful story of Christmas.

KEY VERSES

Luke 2:1-38

SERMON NOTES LINK

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

- 1. On Sunday Pete talked about how we live in a One Day Delivery culture. No waiting! How do you think this has impacted our experience of Christmas? Do you find it easy to "slow down" at Christmas? Why or why not?
- 2. Have someone in group read Luke 2:1-20 out loud to your group. Group members, close your eyes and visualize the scenes that are taking place.

... but Mary quietly treasured these things in her heart and thought about them often." Luke 2:19 NLT

- 3. The Christmas story is something we should "treasure in our heart and think about often." What helps you treasure the true meaning of Christmas in your heart?
- **4.** The truths of Scripture, especially Jesus' teachings, are something we should "think about often." What helps you "think often" about Scripture?
- 5. Read Luke 2:25 32. What have you waited a long time for? What did you learn in the process of waiting?
- 6. All of us are waiting for Jesus' promised return. What does Simeon's example teach you about how to wait well for Jesus?
- 7. Anna Luke 2:36-38 What does Anna teach us about what to do while we are waiting?

PRAYER

Dim the lights and listen to "Breath of Heaven". Ask God to help you to wait well for Jesus.