



Simeon's Song

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

KEY SCRIPTURE | Luke 2:22–32

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Simeon, although a seeming 'extra' in the story of Jesus, has some profound life-changing words for all of us. We learn from the key Scripture that Simeon was a devout and righteous man who was waiting for the consolation of Israel. The Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. When he meets the baby Jesus, Simeon begins praising God. From his praise, he gives us two key insights: salvation is in Jesus and salvation is for everyone. In other words, salvation doesn't come from following a set of rules, rather it's found in the person of Jesus. And it's not set aside for a particular group of people. It's for everyone. Along with these two ideas, later New Testament writers inform us that salvation is also FREE. But this is where the tension arises because while salvation is free, following Jesus comes at a cost. And maybe that's what keeps you from trusting Jesus—the fear of what it might cost you, what Jesus may ask of you. But here's the thing: God created you, He loves you. God knows and wants what's best for you! Jesus can be trusted. Trusting Jesus leads to following Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think back to Sunday's message. What do you remember? Review your notes if you have them. If you're with a life group, talk with them about anything you found memorable or confusing.
2. What is most striking to you about Simeon's words of praise to God?
3. What do we learn about salvation from the key Scripture passage?
4. Read Luke 5:1–11. What is Peter's response to Jesus?
5. What does Jesus tell Peter?
6. What price have you paid for following Jesus?
7. What benefits have you received from trusting Jesus?
8. What's your biggest take away from Sunday's message and today's discussion?

NOW WHAT?

Identify the current fear that is preventing you from trusting Jesus.

