

The Life Challenge

Series: Treasures of Mary

Title: Waiting

Text: Luke 2:22-38

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WARM-UP

Share one thing that stood out to you from this past weekend's worship service.

DISCUSSION

Share about a time when you had to wait for something much longer than you expected. Maybe it was a package delivery, or service at a restaurant, or an apology from someone, etc.

- Would you consider yourself "good" at waiting?
- Why or why not?

Read Luke 2:22-38

- What jumps out to you from the text?
- How do you imagine Simeon and Anna experienced this moment of actually receiving, in a very personal way, something they (and the whole nation) had been longing and waiting for?
- What do you note about the kind of people Simeon and Anna are?

Read Luke 18:1-8

- What jumps out to you from this text?
- **Sometimes we don't receive what we're asking and longing for because God's answer is "no". Sometimes it's a matter of God's timing and we need to just keep waiting and longing and praying.**
 - How can we tell the difference between the two?
 - Is there a way to know if we are longing for something that is outside of God's will and we need to "move on", or if we're longing for something that we honor God by being persistent in our praying and longing for?
 - What counsel or advice would you give to a friend if they were wrestling with this question?
- How does this Luke 18 parable challenge you in your own life?

If you are willing, share with the group something that you are waiting for/longing for/asking God for in this season of your life.

- Take time to bring these things to God in prayer.