



Questions To Go Deeper

November 30, 2025

Scripture passage: Luke 2:23-38

Context questions

- 1) What do you know or remember about Israel's history from the time they entered the Promised Land until Jesus' birth?
 - a. How should this have created a sense of anticipation for Israel?

Focus on passage

- 2) What stands out to you about Simeon and Anna?
 - a. Are there any characteristics they share?
- 3) Why do you think the Holy Spirit through Luke wants us to see Jesus through the eyes of Simeon and Anna?
- 4) Imagine you'd never read the Bible and the first thing you read was the book of Luke. What would you learn about Jesus in this passage?
- 5) What role does anticipation play in this passage?
 - a.

Application

- 6) Describe the relationship between anticipation, perseverance, and joy.
 - a. Why are all three so important; or another way to think about it—what happens if you take one away?
- 7) How can Advent teach us the importance of anticipation?
 - a. Do you have any traditions that help with this?
- 8) What are the obstacles that stand in the way of learning about anticipation during Advent? (think very specifically and practically)
 - a. What can you do to deal with these obstacles? (again, think very specifically and practically)
 - b. How can today's passage encourage us that it's worth it to learn the importance of anticipation?