

Dig Deeper @Home – “Awe and Wonder”

Complement to lesson on 12/25/22 – “Amazed”

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. How long after Christmas should one keep a Christmas tree?
2. When was the last time you were amazed?

MEMORIZE – Matthew 1:21

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

READ – Luke 2: 22-40

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
 - a. What did the Holy Spirit cause to “jump off the page” as you read?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
 - c. What are the verses revealing about God? About people?
In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. What do we know about Simeon?
 - a. Why are these descriptions important?
 - b. What was he promised?
 - c. What is the significance of the words Simeon spoke over Jesus?
3. What do we know about Anna?
 - a. Why do you think Luke included her in his account?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Imparting a Blessing

Simeon is said to have blessed God(v28), blessed Mary, Joseph & Jesus (v34). There is power when we impart blessings over one another. If you are in a group, spend time praying over one another and imparting a blessing. You can do this by praying scripture over one another. For example, you can take Luke 1:40 and turn it into a blessing in this way: Lord, I bless _____ to grow in Your wisdom and strength. May he/she grow in your favor and the favor of those where he/she lives, works, studies and plays.

Spend time praying blessings like this over one another and whoever the Lord brings to your mind.

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

The First Noel – Mennonite Hymnal #137

Joy to the World – Mennonite Hymnal #122

To Us A Child Of Hope Is Born – Mennonite Hymnal #125

Hark the Herald Angels Sing – Mennonite Hymnal #135

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the series:

Holy Spirit, we bless you: our Guide, our Comforter, our Lord. May we walk in step with you this week where we live, work, study and play.