

God in the Midst of Waiting

Luke 2:25–38

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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion*



- On what occasions recently have you found yourself having to wait and for what were you waiting? What emotions stir up in you when you are forced to wait?
- *Read Luke 2:25-38.* According to Luke, for what are Simeon and Anna waiting? How long have they been waiting?
- Upon seeing Jesus with Mary and Joseph, how do Simeon and Anna react? What do they feel and do? What might Joseph and Mary be thinking and feeling in response?
- How much of our lives is spent waiting? What makes waiting so difficult for so many of us? What might that reveal?
- What sustained Simeon and Anna over the years and helped them to continue waiting?
- What do you admire about Anna and Simeon, or what do you find in them worth emulating?
- In what ways, both positive and negative, can waiting both shape our character and affect our relationship with God? What factors determine whether waiting's impact upon us will be for good or ill?
- What is something for which you have been waiting a long time? What has that experience been like for you? Where have you found God in the midst of your waiting?
- As you find yourself waiting this week, what can you do to engage God in faith and to trust in God's faithfulness? As you do this, how can your small group or others support and pray for you?