

## PRAYER

- Thank God for fulfilling His promise and revealing His mission for us. Thank God for saving and loving you.
- Pray that you would be actively involved in God's mission. Pray for boldness to preach the gospel and speak God's Word to others.
- Pray for the salvation of your family members and friends. Ask God for an opportunity to preach the gospel to them this week.

## NOTES

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# THE PROMISE FULFILLED

WEEK 4

## Simeon's Song

## WARM-UP

- What do you do when you have to wait for someone? How do you respond when you have to wait longer than you expected?
- Tell us about one of your favorite characters in a book or movie. What makes him or her stand out?
- What's the most outrageous gift you've received? Who gave it to you, and how did you react?

## WORD

*<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. LUKE 2:25,26*

(Read also **LUKE 2:27-32.**)

Simeon was what we could call “just an ordinary man,” one of the many people of Israel waiting for the coming Savior. He was not a teenage girl, a doubting priest, or a lowly shepherd. Nothing set him apart from the crowd, except his faith and eagerness to see the promised Savior. Simeon saw how God faithfully fulfilled His promises in Jesus Christ, and declared God's mission to save the world.



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## 1 A Promise Fulfilled

<sup>29</sup>"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation . . ." **LUKE 2:29,30**

Simeon's song begins with pure joy and celebration. He was finally holding the promised Savior in his arms, and this proved God's faithfulness to him and to Israel. However, God's plan of promise fulfillment was not freedom from Rome; it went beyond what anyone could have imagined: salvation, love, mercy, grace, and an eternity with Him. How do you think Simeon waited for the promise to be fulfilled, and what can you learn from him?

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## 2 The Mission Revealed

<sup>30</sup>" . . . for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." **LUKE 2:30-32**

(Read also **MATTHEW 28:18-20.**)

Simeon did not stop his song with celebration and thanksgiving. He described a plan for salvation that would unfold *in the presence of all peoples*, for many to see. It would become *a light for revelation to the Gentiles* (non-Jews). Today, we know that plan: that Christ would die and be raised from the dead, so that salvation could be offered to each and every person on earth, Jews and Gentiles alike. This was God's plan since the beginning of time, and it was revealed and fulfilled through Christ. What is God's mission (Matthew 28:18-20)? How has He made us part of it?

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## APPLICATION

- Is Jesus your Lord and Savior? If not, do you want to understand what He has done for you, and how you can respond to His love and grace? If so, how is your life reflecting Him?
- How can you grow in faith in God today, so you will not limit Him? How can you go deeper in your understanding of His will and plan for your life this week?
- Are you actively involved in God's mission for everyone to know Him? To whom can you preach the gospel this week, and how can you help them know God more?