



COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: The Holy Spirit must open our eyes to see Jesus.

HEAD CHANGE: What I think I need may be different than what I actually need.

HEART CHANGE: Waiting is an essential part of the Christian life.

LIFE CHANGE: Sometimes God answers prayers by giving me what I would have asked for if we knew what He knew.

OVERVIEW

As we enter the Christmas season, it's possible to miss some of the greatest things in your life because your heart is not tuned to look for them. God's gift to us at the first Christmas was unexpected, but if you knew what you were looking for, and you recognized majesty when you saw it, it wasn't disappointing. Pastor Jordan tells the story of Anna and Simeon, two of the first people to meet Jesus. Unlike so many others who missed Jesus, Anna and Simeon were able to recognize the unexpected majesty of the newborn King. Their story raises the question for us: Will we see Jesus this Christmas?

"The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him,"

-Lamentations 3:25-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some important things that stuck out for you from the teaching?
2. Jordan said, "It's possible to miss some of the greatest things in your life because your heart is not tuned to look for them." How can you tune your heart to see Jesus more clearly during this ADVENT season?
3. Can you relate more with Simeon (waiting for the environments around you to change) or Anna (waiting for your relationships to change) more? Do you ever feel guilty or feel like you're doing or have done something wrong in seasons of waiting? How does understanding that waiting is an essential part of your Christian faith give you hope in seasons of frustration?
4. Who holds the keys to your peace?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help me to see my need for you through the arrival of Jesus. Holy Spirit, show me Jesus. I pray that I, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all of God's people. To grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. And to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that I may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God and grow in my understanding of who Jesus is. Help me to see you in all things. In Jesus' name, amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!