

# Stories of Christmas: Simeon & Anna: Living

Discussion Guide for December 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Summary

This week's message focuses on what it truly means to live for Jesus: listening for God's voice, believing what He reveals, and sharing that hope with others. Through the faithful examples of Simeon and Anna in Luke 2, we see lives marked by patience, attentiveness to God, gratitude, and bold witness.

Simeon listened for God's voice and believed God's promise, even after years of waiting. Anna devoted her life to worship and prayer, and when she recognized the Messiah, she could not keep silent. Both remind us that faith is not passive—it is lived out through worship, gratitude, and telling others what God has done.

The message challenges us to examine how well we listen to God above all other voices, how gratitude shapes our faith, and how our lives become examples that point others to Jesus. A surrendered life becomes a continual song of praise to God.

## Intro Prayer

God, we want to hear Your voice above all others. Quiet our hearts and remove distractions that keep us from listening and believing You. Teach us how to live grateful, obedient lives that point others to Jesus. As we reflect together, shape us to be faithful witnesses of Your grace. Amen.

## Ice Breaker

Who is someone in your life that deeply influenced your faith simply by how they lived, not just by what they said?

## Key Verses

1. Luke 2:25–38
2. 1 Timothy 1:12–17
3. Psalm 27:14
4. Romans 1:16

## Discussion Questions

1. Simeon waited faithfully for God's promise to be fulfilled. What makes waiting on God difficult in your current season?
2. What voices compete most for your attention, and how do they affect your ability to hear God clearly?
3. Why do you think gratitude is so closely connected to sharing our faith with others?
4. Anna couldn't keep silent once she recognized Jesus. What holds you back from talking about your faith openly?
5. Paul says, "Grace reached me." How has God's grace personally transformed your life?

6. In what ways does your daily life serve as an example—either pointing people toward Jesus or away from Him?

### **Life Application**

This week, intentionally create space to listen for God's voice—through prayer, Scripture, or silence. As God reveals truth to you, look for one opportunity to share His goodness with someone else, whether through words, encouragement, or acts of gratitude.

### **Key Takeaways**

1. Listening to God's voice must come before listening to any other influence.
2. What God reveals in private is meant to bless others in public.
3. A grateful heart naturally speaks about its Savior.
4. A life surrendered to God becomes a visible example of worship and faith.

### **Ending Prayer**

Father, thank You for speaking to us and revealing Yourself through Jesus. Help us become people who listen carefully, believe fully, and share boldly. May our lives bring You honor and glory forever. Teach us to live out our faith with gratitude, courage, and joy. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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