



Life Group  
Sermon Guide Questions  
28 DECEMBER 2025

Piercing the Thoughts,  
Receiving the Peace

Luke 2:22-34

**Read Luke 2:22-35**

Conversation Starter: What's one "threshold moment" you've lived through—standing in a doorway between "no longer" and "not yet" (a move, a job change, a season of waiting, a loss, a big decision)? What did that in-between season reveal to you?

1. What phrase or image stuck with you most (Temple, waiting, holding, "depart in peace," "light," "sword," etc.)—and why do you think that landed today?
2. Luke calls Simeon "righteous and devout," waiting for the consolation of Israel, with the Holy Spirit upon him. What do you think "watchful waiting" looks like in ordinary life—especially in noisy seasons?
3. Simeon was looking for God's presence, while many were looking for a quick political solution. Where do you see that same pull in yourself—wanting God to fix circumstances more than wanting to receive God Himself?

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4. Simeon says, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,” not because everything is settled, but because he has seen and held salvation. How is biblical peace different from the peace we usually chase (finished tasks, clean endings, total clarity, control)?

5. Which “noise channel” is loudest for you right now (marathon striving, absence/grief, anxiety about the future, self-criticism, cynicism, comparison)? What’s one practical way to “turn down the static” this week so you can attend to the Lord?

6. The sermon held together two movements: being held by Christ, and being opened up by His truth. If the Word is “piercing” to reveal what’s really going on in you, what might it be uncovering—striving, control, fear, bitterness, numbness, a hidden wound? What is one concrete step toward healing that you can take (confession, asking for help, truth-telling, reconciliation, changing one habit)?

7. Pray in two parts:

Receiving: “Lord Jesus, show us our unhealthy striving that we may cease it. We receive Your peace and Your release. Hold what we cannot hold.”

Healing honesty: “Search us and know us. Reveal what needs to be brought into Your light. Give us the courage to stop concealing and to walk in Your healing, as we cross into the new year. Amen.”

