

Simeon's Prayer
Luke 2.22-35

Introduction:

I. Simeon's Prayer

A. P _____:

B. P _____:

C. P _____:

II. Simeon's Prophecy

A. S _____

B. S _____

C. S _____

Conclusion:

Anna: "she gave thanks and spoke about the child."

Questions for reflection or small group discussion

- What was the point of Jewish circumcision?
- Why did they bring two pigeons (Leviticus 12.8)?
- Read Ezekiel 33 and describe the role of a watchman.
- What do you make if anything of the symbol of Simeon taking Jesus in his arms?
- When have you waited on the Lord? Why is waiting so hard?
- How do you need to say "*I let go*"?
- "*Sovereign Lord*" is the translation of a word seldom used for God in the NT. We get the word 'despot' from this word. Why would Simeon use such a strong word?
- How do the Gentiles figure into this event?
- How does Jesus cause the "falling and rising" of many?
- Can you give some examples of how Jesus was spoken against in the NT? Or, in history past? Or, in the present?
- Have you been spoken against for your belief in Jesus? How did you react? How would you change your reaction?
- Whose heart is Simeon speaking about in verse 35?
- Read Psalm 69.29. Have you ever felt like you were left without a comforter?
- What is Anna's reaction to seeing the Messiah?
- What keeps you from speaking to others about Jesus
- How can you speak more effectively to others about Jesus?