

Life Group Questions 07/01/2024

Undiminished Hope (Luke 2: 22-38)

Introduction:

A friend of mine says they always start the New Year these days with a little trepidation. What are you looking forward to and what do you fear, if anything, as you go into 2024?

How do you think people generally viewed their circumstances in the context of our passage? What might they have been looking forward to and what might they have feared?

Mary and Joseph (v22-24)

Why did Joseph and Mary bring Jesus to the temple?
(read Leviticus 12:1-8 for context)

What does this tell us about them?

Simeon (v 25-35)

What are we told about Simeon (v 25-27)?

What does it mean for us to be righteous and devout today?

We live post-Pentecost and have the Holy Spirit indwelling us. Can you think of any times when you have been moved by the Spirit in an unusual way, perhaps to do something or to pray for something or someone?

How does Simeon describe Jesus (v28-35)?

In what ways might we suffer as we follow Jesus? How are we called to respond? (see John 21:18-19 specifically in relation to Peter, but also more generally in relation to us)

Anna (v 36-38)

What are we told about Anna?

What is the gift of prophecy? (1 Corinthians 14:1-5)

How did Anna use her gift of prophecy?

How might we “strengthen, encourage and comfort” one another?

Conclusion

What’s the one thing God wants you to take into the coming week/month/year from this study? Pray for one another if you are meeting in a group.

Share your thoughts with someone if you are not meeting in a group.