



Weekly Group Questions & Practices

The following questions and practices are provided as a menu for you to select from. Choose the questions and activities that best suit your group and timeframe.

Date: **December 26, 2021**
Sermon: **Body Language | The After Party**
Passage: **Luke 2:21-35**

Discuss

1. Do a little research on the Jewish requirements for baby boys being born and purification rites for new moms. What were all those requirements saying to the parents?
2. What has God clearly told you to do? Beyond seeing obedience as drudgery, what might God be saying to you through what he's asked you to do?
3. Simeon had "the Holy Spirit on him." The Holy Spirit had revealed to him he wouldn't die before he saw the Messiah. He was "moved by the Spirit." Can you relate to Simeon? What, if any, is your experience of the Holy Spirit?
4. Salvation will come from this baby! Explain what people might have imagined that to look like and then explain what you understand salvation to include.
5. "This child is destined to cause the rising and falling of many in Israel, and to be a sign spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed." None of us likes a hard time but we seem to be promised it here. How do you navigate the difficulties that come your way for believing in Jesus?

Practice: Prepare for a New Year

Robert Mulholland challenges us:

If you want a good litmus test of your spiritual growth, simply examine the nature and quality of your relationships with others. Are you more loving, more compassionate, more patient, more understanding, more caring, more giving, more forgiving than you were a year ago? (*Invitation to a Journey*).

Take some time to reflect on 2021 and consider 2022. How will you make space for the Holy Spirit in your everyday life? (If you haven't already, consider joining the [One Month Challenge](#), where we will practice habits that create space for God to work in our lives.)