

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Nov 30 – Dec 1, 2024

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

Hope Realized

(Luke 2:25-38)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together Luke 2:25-38.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Howard's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

How hopeful do you find yourself today?

What factors are impacting your current level of hopefulness?

Where do you find yourself typically drawing your hope from?

Pastor Howard shares with us a hope in Simeon and Anna that was rooted in the divine source of God (Jer. 19:11, Ps. 2:7-10, Isa. 9:6).

When have you experienced a similar hope rooted in God that went beyond the logic of this world?

When have you potentially rooted your hope in something other than God and found yourself let down?

Pastor Howard shared four ways we can stir/grow our biblical hope.

- Accessing the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 2:25)
 - When are you more aware of the Spirit's presence?
 - What practices or postures help you tap into the presence of the Holy Spirit?
- Accessing the power of prayer (Luke 2:37)
 - What role does prayer play in your life when you need hope?
 - When, if ever, has prayer played a significant role in offering you much needed hope?
- Accessing the power of God's Word (2 Timothy 2:15, Psalm 119:14-16)
 - What role is the Bible playing in your current spiritual rhythm?
 - What does your time in the Word look like?
 - If it is not a significant part of your current life, what might it look like to tap more fully into this source of hope?
- Accessing the power of faith (Hebrews 11:1, John 20:29)
 - What does it look like for you to place greater levels of faith in Jesus?
 - What factors are at play when your faith feels strong or when your faith feels weak?
 - What practices might help you grow in faith?

Pastor Howard points out that once a divine hope is accessed, it longs to be shared (Luke 2:33-35, 38).

In what ways have you been impacted by others sharing Godly hope with you?

In what ways have you shared Godly hope with others?

In what ways are you currently sharing the hope you have in Jesus?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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