

WEEK 2: THE PROMISED PROPHET

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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MAIN POINT

We all long for direction and wisdom to help us through the complexities of life. We need a prophet who can give us the words of God for our lives. For centuries, prophets guided God's people in truth. They weren't perfect, and there were some false ones too. But at Christmas the perfect prophet, Jesus, entered our world. When Jesus arrived, Simeon rejoiced that the One who would be a light of revelation to Jew and Gentile was here. Jesus is the mighty prophet in both word and deed, and the prophet you need.

LEAN IN BREAK THE ICE

Have you had a wise mentor in your life to help you? What made their wisdom so impactful for you?

LOOK DOWN LOOK AT GOD'S WORD

Read Luke 2:25-32

25 There was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, looking forward to Israel's consolation, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he saw the Lord's Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, he entered the temple. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform for him what was customary under the law, 28 Simeon took him up in his arms, praised God, and said,

29 Now, Master,
you can dismiss your servant in peace,
as you promised.
30 For my eyes have seen your salvation.
31 You have prepared it
in the presence of all peoples—
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and glory to your people Israel.

Read Hebrews 1:1-2

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets at different times and in different ways. 2 In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son. God has appointed him heir of all things and made the universe through him.

Read Luke 2:29-32. Can you summarize what Simeon says in just a sentence?

Simeon says that God's fulfilled promise of salvation is for who? (See Luke 2:32)

Hebrews 1:2 says that Jesus is the Son of God, but how else does this verse describe him?