

## **Simeon and Anna**

### **Reflect**

1. What was a favorite memory of the Christmas season for you?
2. How do you feel at the close of the Christmas season?
3. What do you look forward to in the months to come?

### **Read Your Bible**

- Luke 2:25-38

### **Apply God's Word to Your Life**

1. What did Simeon feel when he finally met Jesus?
2. What did Simeon proclaim about who this child was?
3. How did Mary and Joseph react?
4. What is the salvation and redemption that Simeon and Anna are talking about?

5. What are the places in our world that need the salvation and redemption of the Christ child?
  
6. How does the birth of Jesus change our world? How does it change your world?
  
7. This is a season of new beginnings. In the months to come, how will you continue to walk with Christ?

### **Conclusion**

For many of us, Christmas is an ending. It marks the end of a long season of parties, programs, baking, decorating, shopping, singing, worshipping and so much more. From the perspective of faith too it seems like an ending, the end of Advent and the end of waiting for the arrival of the one that God has promised, our Savior and Lord. For Simeon and Anna, it was such an ending. They both had long awaited this Messiah that God had promised. Finally, they got to meet Him. But in this ending, both Simeon and Anna point to the future, God's promised future and the redemption that God would bring through Jesus the Christ. May their words help us to remember that the birth of our Savior is, but a beginning of what God has promised. The decorations have been put away and the cookies are all eaten, but God is just getting started.

### **Pray**

Sovereign Lord, our eyes have seen Your salvation. In the birth of Your Son, You have brought salvation into the world. With this promise of Christmas, prepare our hearts for the year to come. Awaken us to the light of Your redemption and show us how to walk in Your glory. Through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord. Amen.