

Study Guide on Luke 2:25-38

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Luke 2:25-38

(Luke 2:25) Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

(Luke 2:26) It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

(Luke 2:27) Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,

(Luke 2:28) Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

(Luke 2:29) “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

(Luke 2:30) for my eyes have seen your salvation,

(Luke 2:31) which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

(Luke 2:32) a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

(Luke 2:33) And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

(Luke 2:34) Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed

(Luke 2:35) so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

(Luke 2:36) There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,

(Luke 2:37) then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

(Luke 2:38) At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?