

Sermon Notes

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Today's passage records another eyewitness testimony. When Jesus' parents brought him to the temple to be circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, there was an old man present named Simeon. He had been waiting for the Messiah and was led by the Holy Spirit to perceive Jesus' true identity when Joseph and Mary entered the temple.

Simeon, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked at Jesus and saw him for who he was. Simeon was also enabled to look ahead and see what would occur because of Christ. What Simeon saw unfolding in his day is still occurring today.

Jesus was raised according to the law and was fulfilled through him

Many will see and be saved through him

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I never knew:

I was challenged:

I was reminded:

I was convicted:

A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

Know

Monday

Spend some time today doing the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day.

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Write a prayer of response, guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

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Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

What new commitment could you make for your family in pursuing the vision we discussed in Sunday's sermon?

What new commitment could you make in the new year for continuing to build a relationship with and sharing the gospel with "your one"?

Be > Do

Thursday

In your journal, spend some time considering the following:

What insights have you had while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

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