

All I want for Christmas: Hope  
Luke 2:25-38

Intro:

*Why are you so downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.*

Psalm 42:5

1. A Biblical definition of hope
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. A Biblical demonstration of hope – Simeon and Anna
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3. Hope is an anchor – Hebrews 6:19-20

## **Christmas Hope:**

Biblical Hope is far more than wishful thinking. It is to expect God to come through. Read the account of Simeon and Anna's Hope from Luke 2:25-38

### **Read: Luke 2:25-38**

Share a memory with your group, perhaps from your childhood, about waiting for something you really wanted for Christmas and how that created a great anticipation and a great joy when it was finally received.

1. What does "waiting" have in common with "Hope"?
2. How could Simeon see the Lord's Messiah in a child of a poor family? Why didn't all the other visitors to the temple see what Anna and Simeon saw?
3. Based upon what you read in Luke 2:25-38, what were Simeon and Anna expecting from the Messiah?
4. Why do you think God chose the form of a baby to usher in His presence among us as Savior of the World?
5. What do you think the widow Anna was praying for day and night? Why do you think she was prompted to speak about Jesus to those in the Temple?
6. How have Simeon's prophetic words to Mary been revealed as true in the life and Lordship of Jesus Christ?
7. How might you have responded if you would have been one of those who came to the Temple to worship and heard Anna or Simeon's testimony?

### **This Weeks Daily Devotional Reading**

Day 1 - Luke 1:1-25

Day 4 - Luke 2:1-20

Day 2 - Luke 1:26-56

Day 5 - Luke 2:21-40

Day 3 - Luke 1:57-80