

Small Group Questions - December 1st 2021

- Big Idea: Waiting may seem like a lonely and unpleasant place, but God can use it. **When our patience grows, so does understanding.**
- Scriptures: Genesis 16:1-4, Numbers 20:8-12, 1 Samuel 8:19-22 & 13:8-10, Proverbs 14:29, Luke 2:25-32
- What is your favorite Holiday/Time of year/Celebration?
OR
- What are three things you feel like are celebrated in your house this time of year?
- Jesus' ancestors weren't great at being patient, neither are we. Scale of 1-10 how patient of a persons are you? (1-not at all <-> 10-I can do this all day.)
- Have you ever seen Proverbs 14:29 come true in your life or someone else's?
OR
- We said... **Impatience (leads to) > Pride > Emptiness > Bitterness**
Patience > Humility > Fulfillment > Joy
Has life ever played out like this for you? Can you think of an example?
- What are you most impatient with? Where are you most impatient with God?
- What are some questions or thoughts Simeon's drums up for you? (About him, God or his life)
- How was Simeon's approach and his ancestor's approach different?

The idea we're running for here, is that if we're willing to approach Christmas (and even more so God) patiently waiting, we might just grow in our understanding of what God was up to and still is.

DON'T FORGET: Remind them of their Devo's for Advent and to follow along best they can throughout the week, with each other and online if they want.