**“Holy Moments: When God Meets Us Where We Are - Simeon”**

**Dec-9/10, 2023**

**Speaker: Tom Hughes**

**Opening:** [15 mins] We suggest you begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins]Read **Luke 2:25-35.** After allowing the group time to reflect on the passage, ask them to share what most stands out to them.

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

1. Tom began the “Holy Moments” sermon series by asking the question, *“How well do you handle it when you need to wait? Specifically, when you are waiting on God.”*
   1. How would you answer Tom’s question of how you handle it when you need to wait on God?
2. Tom shared, *“Waiting isn’t just a matter of getting what we are waiting for: it is also a matter of the kind of person we become in the process.”*
   1. What is some of the transformation you have noticed in your life because of a season(s) of waiting on God?
   2. If you are currently in a season of waiting, what kind of person do you think you are becoming in the process?
3. Tom said, *“Simeon was not just waiting on God. He was waiting with a promise from God. That makes a big difference.”*
   1. If you are currently in a season of waiting for God to answer a prayer, what are some of the promises you are holding while waiting?
4. Tom encouraged, *“Trust that God is working while you are waiting.”* He added, *“Simeon choose to “take hold of the good” by growing in devotion and righteousness to God.”*
   1. Share some practical ways that you might grow in devotion and righteousness to God while waiting Him?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins]

* Have each person in your group share a prayer request, and then have someone pray for them.
* Pray that the CA church family would have grace for growth as they wait on God.
* Pray that God would bless CA’s Christmas services and many would make 1st time commitments & recommitments to Jesus.