

# Finding Hope in Our Uncertainties Discussion Questions

Luke 2:22-38

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1. What are some feelings you have had in 2020?
2. What is your definition of hope?
3. Read Ecclesiastes 4:12. How does wrapping your problems with God's promises help?
4. Read Exodus 13:2 and Leviticus 12. Why did they go to the temple? What did Mary need to offer at the Temple for her purification? What makes this interesting in taking Jesus with them to the Temple?
5. Why would Simeon be hoping for rest? What was Israel going through all his life?
6. How did Jesus birth over hope to Israel during Simeon's time? How does He today?
7. Picture yourself as Simeon. You have waited your whole life for the Messiah and now you are holding the Savior in your arms. What are you feeling and thinking as you are holding the Savior in your arms?
8. How does being a believer and departing this world release you from burdens? What happens to those who are not a believer when they depart this world? Does this reality encourage you to go with the gospel more? How?
9. Read Matthew 21:44. Who is the stone? What is the difference between being broken to pieces and being crushed? Which is worse? Why? What is this verse telling us?
10. What is the anguish Mary faced?
11. Look through the book of Ruth. What situation did Ruth find herself in? How does this compare to Anna? How does their situation of being a widow shape their perspective of needing redemption compared to Simeon needing rest?
12. How is Jesus their kinsman redeemer and ours?
13. What did Jesus redeem us from? What price did Jesus pay to deliver us from this bondage?
14. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. If we have been redeemed, who do we belong to? What are we supposed to do? Why?
15. How does worshipping help us to hold on to hope? How does witnessing help us to hold on to hope?
16. What does waiting have to do with hope?
17. Read Isaiah 58:10. How does helping and giving to others help to lift our spirits and provide hope to us and to the people we are helping?
18. Read Romans 15:4. What two things give us hope? What Scripture passage do you turn to when you need hope?
19. Read Lamentations 3:18-23. What does this verse remind us of about God's love and His mercy?
20. How has God been faithful to you?