

REAP Guide

Guides exist to help followers of Jesus understand and live out Scripture together.

Advent – Dec 13, 2026

READ - *Make observations about the text as you read.*

Read Luke 2:25-35, considering what the Holy Spirit intends to communicate to us.

EXAMINE - *Determine what the texts means.*

- What does it mean that Simeon was “waiting for the consolation of Israel” (v.25)?
- What does it mean that Jesus *is* the salvation of God (v.30)?
- According to v.30-32, what is the purpose of Jesus’ birth? How would you describe his mission?
- How do v.34-35 foreshadow the crucifixion? What is the significance of this prophecy happening in this passage, this early in Jesus’ life?

APPLY - *Discern how you might apply the text individually and communally.*

- Simeon is described as “righteous and devout” (v.25). Who in your life would you characterize this way, and why? What qualities/habits/etc. of theirs are worth emulating?
- Simeon waited a long time for God to fulfill his promise. Where in your life are you waiting on God? How should Christians wait on him?
- If Jesus is “a light of revelation,” who needs this light in your life? What step could you take this week to communicate the gospel to someone in your social circle?
- V.34-35 implies that following Jesus is costly. Where in your life are you experiencing the cost of following Jesus?

PRAY - *Talk with God in response to this text.*

- Share prayer requests with your group and pray for one another.
- Praise God, confess sin, and make requests in light of the text.