

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Scripture: Luke 2:21-39



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus is the perfect, law-abiding Son of God who came to redeem sinful, lawbreaking humanity by his penal substitutionary atonement.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Why does Luke frequently mention the Law of the Lord in his narrative?
- What was the purpose of circumcision; what did it symbolize for God's people? Why did Jesus need to be circumcised (Galatians 4:4-5; Matthew 5:17-18)?
- Why did God's law require a sacrifice for Mary's purification and Jesus' presentation at the Temple (Leviticus 12:6-8; Exodus 13:1-2)? What do the divinely instituted rituals of *purification* and *redemption of the firstborn* teach us about God and humanity?
- What does Mary and Joseph's choice of sacrifice indicate about them (verse 24)?
- How would you characterize Simeon based on the details Luke provides in his account (verses 25-35)? What was his passion (Isaiah 40:1, 66:13)? What important role did God graciously grant him?
- For whom did Jesus come to save (verses 32-33; Isaiah 49:6)?
- What did Simeon see about Jesus' ministry through the eyes of prophecy (verses 34-35)?
- Who was Anna, and how did she faithfully serve her God in her widowhood and old age (verses 36-38)?