

Sermon Notes

The Rest of the Story

(Luke 2:21-38)

Fulfillment is only possible for those who...

- 1. Want the right thing.** (Luke 2:25)
- 2. Embrace temporary discomfort for future reward.** (Luke 2:29-35)
- 3. Believe before they see.** (Luke 2:29-32)

For Further Thought and Discussion

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. How would you complete this sentence? "I will be satisfied when..."

Going Deeper

3. Please read Luke 2:21-38. How would you describe Simeon? Anna? What does vs. 29-30 tell you about Simeon?
4. How do Simeon and Anna exemplify the truth that fulfillment is the result of wanting the right thing? Can you identify anything you've looked for fulfillment from which has disappointed you? Why?
5. Why are Mary and Joseph amazed (vs. 32) at what Simeon says about Jesus? How is Simeon's message different from what the Jews expected of the Messiah? (vs. 30-35). How do Simeon and Anna exemplify the truth that fulfillment is the result of embracing temporary discomfort for an eternal reward? How does Mary? Can you think of an example of when temporary discomfort led to satisfaction?
6. How do Simeon and Anna exemplify the truth that fulfillment is the result of believing before seeing? Why does true fulfillment require faith? What are you currently waiting for God to do?

Application

What is one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?