

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND
SMALL GROUPS NOTES

Sharing Christ through friendship

Week beginning 6 February 2011 Reading: Hebrews 2 : 10-18 and Luke 2:22-40

Theme: Presentation of Christ.

Welcome/ icebreaker	In your wallet/purse do you carry a picture of someone whom you love and are very proud of and want other people to see them?
Worship	#10 All Heaven Declares (SoF). #149 O Let The Son of God Enfold You (SoF) #475 Purify my Heart (SoF)
Word (refs.↓)	
	This incident in Luke 2 raises more questions than it answers. First, we know nothing by way of background about either character (Simeon and Anna). We are told that Simeon somehow knew he would live to see the Christ but we don't know that Anna had any such knowledge or expectation but only that she was a regular inhabitant of the Temple. But how did Simeon know what Luke said he knew?
	How was this revealed to him?
	What purpose did it serve to have him stay alive until the Christ appeared?
	Why was this such a meaningful experience for Simeon?
	Had he spoken to Anna about this? Is this why she also became excited after seeing Simeon's excitement?
	What do you admire about Simeon and Anna
	If you were Mary or Joseph what might you have written in your diary concerning the events of the day?
	What would be the crowing joy for you in your old age?
Luke 2 v35	How do you consider Mary felt regarding the prediction about a sword piercing also her soul?
	God had a plan for Jesus' life. Do you feel God has a purpose for your life?
Hebrews 2:10-11	What did Jesus accomplish by his death as one of us? What is the goal in our salvation?
Hebrews 2:10	What does it mean that Jesus <i>authors</i> salvation?
Hebrews 2:17	What is the difference between the way Jesus made atonement and the way the priests mediate atonement.?
Witness	Remember that Simeon and Anna were both well past middle age and Mary and Joseph were just starting their lives. You cannot be too young or too old to be of use to the Lord. Remember that God had a different plan, task, and revelation for each of them – and God has a plan, a task and a revelation for each of us too.