

Message #10 | “My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation” | Luke 2:21-35
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WARMING UP

1. If this is your first gathering since the holidays, take a few minutes to share highlights from your Christmas and New Year’s. Where did you see God at work? How did you experience his blessing?

DIGGING IN

2. *When I see salvation . . . I see Jesus, the one who saves (2:21-24).* How would you articulate the gospel message? Pastor Todd referenced two verses (2 Corinthians 2:2; Acts 4:12) that point to Jesus as the centre of the good news. What other texts would you include? Why do you think people keep searching for a different way?
3. *When I see salvation . . . I see the change he brings about in people (2:25-26).* What evidence is there that Simeon’s life had been (and was being) transformed? What changes did people notice in your life following your commitment to Christ? If a person claims to be a believer but doesn’t become more like Jesus, what does this suggest about their salvation (see, for example, 1 John 2:3-6)?
4. *When I see salvation . . . I see the hope he offers to all (2:27-32).* Why is Jesus described as a “light” for the Gentiles but “glory” for the Jews? What do these images indicate? Think through some of the implications of the fact that salvation has been “prepared in the presence of all peoples.” How should you steward this good news for all?
5. *When I see salvation . . . I see the awe he inspires (2:33).* Pastor Todd said, “When you follow Jesus and you see what God is doing around you, he will just keep amazing you. [Your] life . . . should never be without awe.” Have you found this to be true in your experience? How is God stirring up awe in you these days?
6. *When I see salvation . . . I see the harsh reality of the decision everyone must make (2:34-35).* Why are the best decisions often the most difficult and life-altering ones? How is this true of the decision to follow Jesus for the first time? What decision(s) do you need to make in your journey of discipleship?

BREAKING OUT

7. Offer heartfelt praise for the salvation that is yours in Christ. And pray fervently for those whose eyes have yet to be opened.

