

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK,  
TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

## The Aha Moment LUKE 2:22-40 | APRIL 20 & 21, 2013

On the 40th day after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph take him to the temple. They go to obey purification and dedication rituals that were customary for the Israelites. When they arrive, they discover that there is more going on than they could have anticipated. In the temple they encounter Simeon and Anna who have insight that this baby is no ordinary baby, but a unique gift of God.



Watch this week's summary message from Pastor Mike at <http://luke.christchurchil.org/resources>. (Videos will be live on Sunday afternoon.)

### WITH THE GROUP



#### LEANING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

What is something you remember not appreciating until some later insight brought greater clarity? Has there been a progression of "aha" moments for you as it relates to Jesus? Any that have come recently?



#### LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

What are the differences between the civil, ceremonial and moral law? As Christians, which part did Mike say is still significant today?

Why was the temple so meaningful to the Jews? How has this changed with Christ's arrival? How did this change even more after Christ's death, resurrection and ascension?



#### LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon for you?

Read the 4 songs in Luke 1 and 2. Luke 1:47-55; Luke 1:67-79; Luke 2:14; Luke 2:29-32. List some of the things that Mary, Zechariah, the Angels and Simeon love about God? Which means most to you?



#### LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

Mike shared that Mary and Joseph were obedient to the law. He also shared that civil and ceremonial aspects of the law were no longer binding. Should a Christian live according to certain rules for behavior and practice? Where do these rules come from?

What practices and behaviors do you imagine were a part of Simeon and Anna's lives to allow them to participate in such an amazing day at the temple?

### ON YOUR OWN



#### PRACTICE

Read any chapter from the Old Testament, and the New Testament, and a Psalm and see if you can record more than 10 reasons to celebrate and trust God in your life.



#### PRAYER

Father I thank you that you are a God that is faithful to your promises – even the ones for which we have to wait patiently. I thank you that you even do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. Please help me to trust in your good and perfect plan even when I find myself waiting a long time to see you act.