

No Ordinary Day

Part 3

Simeon and Anna

Luke 2:21-38

Philippians 3:20; *'But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord **Jesus Christ** lives. And we are **eagerly waiting** for him to **return** as our Savior.'*

Active **PARTICIPANTS**

Joseph and Mary - Devout PARENTS	vs. 21-24
Going above and beyond	
Simeon – A Devout HEART	vs. 25-27
Looking for the arrival of Messiah	
Anna – A Devout LIFESTYLE	vs. 36-37
Looking for the arrival of Messiah	

Divine **APPOINTMENTS**

Simeon's DIVINE Messages	vs. 27-35
Message concerning JESUS	vs. 28-33
God's means for God's SALVATION	
Not a SECRET Savior	
A Light to all PEOPLE GROUPS	
The Glorious Messiah for the JEWS	
Message concerning MARY	vs. 34-35
Jesus will be a DECISION Point	
Jesus will be CONTESTED	
Jesus will be a COST	
Jesus will be a heart REVEALER	
Anna's CONFIRMATION	vs. 36-38

Take-a-ways:

Active **participation** leads to Divine **Appointments**,
which leads to '**No Ordinary Days**'

Auburn Grace Community Church – December 15th, 2024

Life Group Discussion Questions – December 15, 2024

Philippians 3:20 *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;*

DISCOVER

1. What makes something a “coincidence”? What is the difference between a coincidence and a “divine appointment”?
2. Re-count a day that you saw God do a super-ordinary work in your life. What events from this account made the day divine and not happenstance?
3. Is it possible to have “no ordinary days” or divine appointments every day? Explain.
4. Discuss what it means to be an “active participant” of God’s will. Does this describe you as well? Are you an active participant only on occasion? Why do you think that is?

EXPLORE

1. Read John 4:1-42. We can say that divine appointments are evidenced by extra-ordinary timing or coincidences. Make a list of all the “convenient” timings in this passage. How do you think all the characters were impacted? Which ones would’ve understood that they were active participants in God’s plan? What was God’s big picture idea in orchestrating these events to dovetail together so intricately?
2. Read Luke 2:21-38. What did Simeon and Anna do to show they were living-out excitement for Jesus being born? What specifically was Simeon looking for? Notice that Anna spoke to everyone about looking forward to the redemption of Jesus. How might that have influenced those who heard her speak?
3. How were the dedicated daily lives of Simeon and Anna different from each other? How were they similar? What was Simeon set free from once he saw and confirmed the Baby Jesus?
4. Why was it important for two or three witnesses to affirm that the Baby was the Promised One? Why is this such an important biblical principle? (see Deuteronomy 19:15)
5. What plan were Mary and Joseph given for becoming the parents of Jesus? Describe how well they followed the plan. In what ways were Mary and Joseph devout parents?

EXPERIENCE

1. Are you genuinely excited for Jesus’ return? How does your life exhibit your excitement? How are your priorities different knowing that His return is imminent?
2. What will it take for you to experience more extra-ordinary days in Christ?
3. Who are the people in your life that seem to have more than their fair share of “no ordinary days”? What is it about them that bring these blessings about? How might you emulate them?
4. If you are ignoring the purposes of God in your life, will God still bring divine appointments into your life? Why or why not?
5. Are you like Simeon...having seen and confirmed the consolation of Israel? Explain. What promises of God are you still looking for?
6. Think back for the last seven days or so. Which day was the greatest “no ordinary day” for you? What can you share about where you were spiritually when the extra-ordinary work of God manifested? Are you in great anticipation today as a result? Is there a danger of experiencing too many “no ordinary days”? Explain.

PRAY

Father God, we hunger for more and more of You. Help us as active participants to hold fast to our faith; that by Your grace we might experience divine appointments continually. We are excited for our next encounter with You. Amen.