

# WEEKLY GUIDE

DECEMBER 27, 2020

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**ATTEND!**

SUNDAYS  
(IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

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## **BIBLE READINGS:**

Luke 2:25-38; Romans 1:1-7; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 9:28, 10:25; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, 5:19-20; Titus 2:11-13

## **LUKE 2:25-26**

*At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. .*

## **LUKE 2:36-37**

*Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer.*

## **ROMANS 1:17**

*For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."*

## **HEBREWS 9:28**

*So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*

## **HEBREWS 10:25**

*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

## **TITUS 2:11-13**

*We should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.*

## **WATCH THEREFORE!**

Matthew 25:13, 26:41; Luke 21:36; 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:6; 1 Peter 4:7; Revelation 3:3, 16:15

**2**  
**TALK!**

DISCUSS THE  
LESSONS

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**3**  
**PRAY!**

MAKE YOUR  
REQUESTS  
KNOWN TO GOD

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**4**  
**DO!**

PUT THE  
LESSONS INTO  
PRACTICE

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## TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. Did you take some time to reflect on last week's lesson? How were you able to apply it to your life? Which lessons from the magi did you put into practice this past week? How did it go?
2. What stood out to you about Simeon and Anna? What is God speaking to you about their lives, the way they approached their service to God, and how they waited faithfully for Messiah to come?
3. What does it mean to be faithful? In what ways are faith and faithfulness connected? What does it mean to be devout? In what ways would you say your life is devoted to God? Are there any areas of your life that you need to devote to God?
4. How can our lives be characterized by praise and prayer? Why should we set aside time in the morning and evening for devotions with the Lord? What are some things you can do during this time?
5. What does it mean to watch? Why is this so important as you live in anticipation of the Lord's soon return? Why do you think watching and praying are often mentioned together?
6. Visit the website and download and complete your "Hopes and Dreams" list. Once it's completed, seal it in an envelope, address it to yourself, and drop it at the church. It will be mailed back to you at the end of 2021. Another option: Seal it in an envelope and pack it away with your Christmas decorations. When you put your decorations up next year, you can open up your envelope.
7. What impacted you the most from the lesson today? What were your big takeaways? Which one of the lessons applied most to you? How will you put it into practice in your life this week?

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you develop a Maranatha mindset.
2. Pray for our country to turn to God and experience national revival.
3. Pray for the peace and prosperity of our city (Jeremiah 29:7).
4. Pray for our leaders to humble themselves, and pray, and seek God's face (2 Chronicles 7:14).
5. Pray for the hearth of your neighbor's, friend's, and families' homes to burn with the fire of God.
6. Pray for families and individuals to be awakened to their need for God this Christmas season.
7. Pray that the Church would advance the Kingdom in the demonstration of the Spirit and power.

## THE REST OF THE WEEK:

1. Reach out. Share your faith with others. Encourage and pray for someone.
2. Read God's Word and allow His Spirit to reveal, correct, and encourage you.
3. Practice intentional acts of kindness. Love without hypocrisy. Be merciful!
4. Take time for yourself. Do something that brings you joy. Be thankful!
5. Do something outside your comfort zone. Let God use you this week!
6. Spend time with God in prayer. Let God fill you with His Holy Spirit.
7. Invite someone to church... online or in person!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! MAKE 2021 YOUR BEST YEAR YET!**

