

Reflection questions and practice for the week of January 16

Reflective Question Luke 2:21-40: How can you cultivate your heart similarly to those of Simeon and Anna? Do you know anyone who reminds you of Simeon and Anna? Consider the qualities of their lives.

Reflective Practice Luke 2:21-40: Based on Luke 2:30 think of some of your own salvation moments in life. Thank God for each one that comes to mind.

Questions for the weekly readings of January 16th

Luke 2:41-52:

(1): Why do you think Luke included this episode in the life of Jesus?

(2): What was Jesus doing among the teachers? What does this tell us about Jesus?

(3): How does Luke characterize the later years of Jesus' growth into manhood?

Luke 3:1-3

(1): What historical marker/event does Luke provide in these verses? Why do you think this is significant?

(2): What was the purpose of John's baptism? What does "repentance" mean to you and your life?

(3): Can you remember historical markers/events surrounding your obedience to the gospel? If someone would write a history of your life from that point, how would it begin?

Luke 3:4-14

(1): According to Isaiah, what was the purpose of John's work?

(2): How would you describe John's approach to preaching?

(3): If you were to ask John what you should do, in your vocation, your day to day, to "bear fruits of repentance," what do you think he would say to you?

Luke 3:15-20

(1): What was the difference between John's baptism and that of Jesus?

(2): What was the good news John proclaimed to the people?

Luke 3:16-37

(1): How does Luke handle the event of Jesus' baptism?

(2): What happened at Jesus' baptism?

(3): What happened at your baptism, as you understand it?

(4): Why do you think Luke provided a genealogy of Jesus after His baptism? What does it show?